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Acts and Proceedings

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the City of Philadelphia, on Wednesday the sixth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven. The Session continued from the sixth to the thirteenth day of June inclusive.



FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the REV. JOHN LUDLOW, the President of the last General Synod; who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Acts iv. 32.

ARTICLE II.

Members present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

1. From the Classis of New-York.

Reverend Nicholas I. Marselus, Eli Baldwin, and Alexander Gunn, D. D.*

Elders, Abraham Van Nest, John I. Labagh, and Everardus Warner.

* Took his seat on the *fourth* day of the Session.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, Samuel A. Van Vranken.
Elders, Leffert Lefferts, Thomas Letson.

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, Gustavus Abeel, and James G. Ogilvie.
Elders, Tunis Garrabrants, Charles Board.

4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Benjamin C. Taylor, and Jefferson
Wynkoop.
Elder Richard Ackerman.

5. *From the Classis of Long-Island.*

Rev. William Crookshank, Stephen H. Meeker,* and Henry
Heermance.
Elders, Abraham Terhune and Singleton Mitchell.†

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston,‡ Jacob C. Sears, Jacob Larzelere.
Elders, George W. Mentz, Frederick Erringer, and Aaron Feaster.

7. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Herman Vedder, Cornelius C. Cuyler, and Cornelius D.
Westbrook.
Elders, Nicholas Miller, Lawrence I. Van Kleeck, and Cornelius
C. Van Wyck.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Samuel Kissam, Robert Bronk, and Isaac Ferris.
Elders, Stephen Van Rensselaer,§ John Schuyler, Jun.

* Resigned his seat to the Rev. Ebenezer Mason, his *secundus*, on the *sixth* day of Session.

† Obtained leave of absence after the *fifth* day of the Session.

‡ Resigned his seat to Rev. Peter Labagh, his *secundus*, on the *second* day of Session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of Session.

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Richard Sluyter, A. Henry Dumont, and Isaac N. Wyckoff.
Elders, John G. Philip, James Philip.

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, Abraham D. Wilson.*

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4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda,† Isaac P. Labagh.
Elders, Simon De Ridder,‡ Asahel Morris,* and Joseph Southworth.*

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

None appeared.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. John H. Van Wagenen, John F. Schermerhorn.
Elder Jacob Salisbury.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. Robert J. Blair, John B. Steele.
Elders, Jacob Swits,‡ Douw A. Fonda.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. John A. Yates,§ Abraham Messler.

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The Rev. Professor De Witt was present during a part of the Sessions of Synod.

* Took their seats on the *second* day of the Session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the Session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence after the *eighth* day of the Session.

§ Obtained leave of absence after the *fourth* day of the Session.

JUNE, 1827.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler was chosen President.

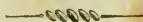
Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook was chosen Adressor.

Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, and Benjamin C. Taylor were chosen Clerks *pro tem*.

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Annual Session of the Synod were read.



ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Orders and Rules.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

The following Committees were appointed :—

On the Professorate.—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Samuel A. Van Vranken, and Cornelius D. Westbrook, and the Elders, Stephen Van Rensselaer and Abraham Van Nest.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Samuel Kissam, Herman Vedder, and A. Henry Dumont, and the Elders, John Schuyler, Jun., and Leffert Lefferts.

On Correspondence.—Rev. G. R. Livingston,* Robert Bronk, and William Crookshank, and the Elders, Jacob Swits and Frederick Erringer.

On Missions.—Rev. Isaac Ferris, Eli Baldwin, and John F. Schermerhorn, and the Elders, Simon De Ridder and L. I. Van Kleeck.

* Rev. Peter Labagh was substituted in the place of Rev. G. R. Livingston, after he had resigned his seat.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, G. R. Livingston,* and John B. Steele, and the Elders, C. C. Van Wyck and G. W. Mentz.

On Overtures.—Rev. Jacob D. Fonda, Jacob C. Sears, and Staats Van Santvoord, and the Elders, Singleton Mitchell and James Philip.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee. to be called the Committee of Finance, be added to those usually appointed by General Synod at its regular meetings, to whom shall be referred all accounts submitted to the Synod; and that the Stated Clerk introduce a new Lemma, where the Reports of such Committee may be entered.

The following were appointed the Standing Committee on Finance, Rev. Isaac Ferris, Stephen H. Meeker, and the Elders, Frederick Erringer, Douw A. Fonda, and Abraham Terhune.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

The Committee appointed to procure Agents, to take up subscriptions and donations in aid of the Theological Seminary in the Classes of Long-Island and New-York, presented the following report.

The committee for the Classes of Long-Island and New-York to procure agents, to take up subscriptions and donations in aid of the Theological Seminary, state to Synod that they have endeavoured to attend to the duties of their appointment, as far as circumstances would admit. For the result as to the Classis of Long-Island, the Synod is referred to the report of the Rev. Messrs. Strong and Crookshanks herewith presented, who were appointed agents for that Classis. The committee likewise appointed agents for the Classis of New-York, from whom no returns have been made.

W. M. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

New-York, June 4, 1827.

The following is the report above referred to—

The undersigned, appointed Agents for the Classis of Long-Island by the Committee of General Synod, “to procure agents to take up

* Rev. Gustavus Abeel was substituted in the place of Rev. G. R. Livingston on the second day of Session.

subscriptions and donations in aid of the Theological Seminary," report—That in consequence of a variety of circumstances beyond their power to control, they were not able to undertake the work assigned to them as early as they had designed. And in the prosecution of their efforts for the purposes mentioned in their appointment, (although they have spent several days and parts of days in the work) they have been often disappointed in seeing the individuals on whom they have called, and have had to contend with many opposing obstacles which have prevented them from accomplishing what they had fondly hoped. They have confined their labours principally to the congregation of Brooklyn—the other congregations in the Classis in general having been previously partially visited. We have by no means completed the work assigned to us. Could one or more efficient agents be procured who would visit every family in the respective congregations in the Classis, we have reason to believe that a very considerable amount of funds could still be obtained. The following are the subscriptions procured by your Agents—viz :

				Subscribed	Paid
Nehemiah Denton,	"	-	-	\$80	\$80
John C. Freeke,	"	-	-	50	
Jeremiah Johnson,	"	-	-	25	25
Lambert Suydam,	"	-	-	25	25
Widow Ann Vanderbilt,	"	-	-	10	
Theodorus Polhemus,	"	-	-	10	10
John G. Garretson, (Gravesend)	"	-	-	20	20
Adrian Cortelyou,	"	-	-	10	10
Garret Bergen,	"	-	-	10	10
Peter Bergen,	"	-	-	10	10
Widow Rebecca Bergen,	"	-	-	10	10
Theodorus Bergen,	"	-	-	10	10
Cornelius Bergen,	"	-	-	10	
Samuel Smith,	"	-	-	10	10
The Miss Suydams,	"	-	-	10	10
John Moon,	"	-	-	10	10
Widow Jane Stryker,	"	-	-	4	4
Adrian Van Brunt,	"	-	-	5	5

We would also report that in the Book put into our hands we find the following subscriptions on Long-Island which were obtained by the Rev. E. Baldwin and Dr. A. Vanderveer, and have never been reported to Synod except in a general manner—viz :

Flatbush.

				Subscribed	Paid
Cornelius Stryker,	-	-	-	\$50	\$25
Cornelius Duryee,	-	-	-	10	10
Widow Susan Catin,	-	-	-	5	5
Jane Covenhoven,	-	-	-	5	5
Jonathan W. Kellogg,	-	-	-	15	5
Adrian Martense	-	-	-	5	5
Jacob Duryee,	-	-	-	3	3

Flatlands.

Johannes Remsen, Sen. and	}	-	-	50	10
Johannes Remsen, Jr.		-	-		
Abraham Terhune,	-	-	-	50	
John Ditmus,	-	-	-	5	5
Abraham Wyckoff,	-	-	-	1	1

Gravesend.

Stephen B. Williamson,	-	-	-	50	
Bernardus Ryder,	-	-	-	1	1

In the same book is a subscription of \$200, from Mr. James Bogert, Jun. of New-York, of which \$100 has been paid.

THOMAS M. STRONG,
WILLIAM CROOKSHANK.

The following report was received.—

The Committee appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church. in 1822. for the purpose of endeavouring to obtain a sufficient sum for endowing a second Professorate in the Theological College—Report, That in the prosecution of the duties assigned them, the following exhibit contains the result of their labours.

There has been received and paid to the Treasurer of the General Synod, the following, viz :

Collegiate Churches in New-York.

Bond of the Consistory of the Collegiate Churches of New-

York, with interest from the time of Subscription, \$5,000 00

Consistory of the Church at Greenwich, . . .	\$250 00
Col. Henry Rutgers,	1,000 00
Rev. Dr. G. A. Kuypers,	125 00
Rev. Dr. Philip Milledoler,	125 00
Rev. Dr. John Knox,	125 00
Rev. P. N. Strong,	125 00
Abraham Van Nest,	500 00
Isaac Heyer,	500 00
Rev. P. Van Zandt,	125 00
Doctor John Neilson,	125 00
Stephen Reed,	250 00
James Van Antwerp,	250 00
Cornelius Ray,	250 00
Isaac L. Kip,	250 00
John I. Labagh,	250 00
Michael Schoonmaker,	125 00
John W. Hinton,	125 00
David L. Haight,	250 00
Abraham Brinkerhooff,	500 00
Samuel Ward,	125 00
James Ward,	125 00
Elizabeth Duryee,	250 00
Eliza Evertson,	250 00
Magdalen Oothout,	250 00
Elizabeth Pearce,	250 00
Peter Sharpe,	250 00
William Mandeville,	250 00
Doctor John Clark,	400 00
Gerard Beekman,	250 00
James C. Roosevelt,	250 00
George Janeway,	250 00
James Van Antwerp, Jun.	250 00
Laurence Proudfoot,	517 50
Doctor Henry M. Van Solingen,	250 00
R. Van Derbeck,	50 00
Richard Duryee,	125 00
John Brown,	50 00

South Church, New-York.

Peter Remsen,	\$250 00
John D. Keese,	125 00
John Nitchie,	125 00
Cornelius Heyer,	125 00
G. B. Vroom,	125 00
Lawrence V. De Forest,	125 00
John Suydam,	125 00
John Stewart, Jun.	125 00
Garrit Storm,	100 00
Interest on the above,	58 77
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	\$15,676 00

The following amounts (of the subscriptions received in New-Jersey) were collected by Mr. Abraham Van Nest, and paid over to the Treasurer of General Synod.

Consistory of the Church of Hillsborough, . . .	\$108 50
Consistory of the Church at Bergen, . . .	218 40
Richard Cadmus, Jun. do.	250 00
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	\$576 90

Your Committee hereby report, that all the subscriptions obtained in New-York have been paid in full, excepting two hundred dollars, part of the amount subscribed by R. Van Derbeck. They would, however, state, that there are yet monies due from New-Jersey and Pennsylvania to this Professorate.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ABM. VAN NEST, *Chairman of Committee.*

New-York, June, 1827.

The Rev. Peter Labagh the Agent appointed by the Committee to procure Agents to take up subscriptions and donations in aid of the Theological Seminary, in the Classes of Bergen and Paramus, brought in the following report.—

The undersigned begs leave to report the following subscriptions obtained by the direction of the Committee appointed by the last Ge-

neral Synod to solicit aid within the bounds of the Classes of Bergen and Paramus for the Institution at New-Brunswick.

Congregation of Hackensack.

Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, in Bergen turnpike stock, which	}	\$250 00
has been transferred to the Board of Corporation,		
Robert Campbell, Esq. - - - -		5 00
		<hr/> 255 00

Church at Pompton Plains.

Rev. Ava Neal, - - - -	250 00
William Slingerland, - - - -	25 00
	<hr/> 275 00

Congregation of Belleville.

Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, - - -	50 00
Stephen Van Cortland, - - - -	50 00
Jane Van Cortland, - - - -	25 00
Gerard Rutgers, - - - -	100 00
Abraham Jeroloman, - - - -	15 00
	<hr/> 240 00

Congregation of Achquackinunck.

John A. Van Riper, - - - -	10 00
Elias J. Vreeland, - - - -	15 00
Philip Van Riper, - - - -	5 00
Philip I. Van Riper, - - - -	3 00
Cash, - - - -	1 00
Sarah Van Wagenen, - - - -	5 00
Cash, - - - -	1 00
John I. Sip, - - - -	15 00
Aaron A. Van Houten, - - - -	10 00
Maria Sip, - - - -	10 00
Peter Jackson, - - - -	15 00
Samuel Van Saun, - - - -	2 00
Henry I. Kip, - - - -	5 00
Jane Post, - - - -	2 00
Elias I. Vreeland, - - - -	20 00
Mary Garretse, - - - -	5 00

Cash,	-	-	-	-	\$1 00
David Demarest,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Nicholas R. Terhune,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Cornelius Vreeland,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Peter Powlisson,	-	-	-	-	8 00
A Friend,	-	-	-	-	4 00
John A. Ackerman,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Robert S. Gould,	-	-	-	-	2 00
John Merselis,	-	-	-	-	8 00
Peter H. Kip,	-	-	-	-	3 00
George Van Riper,	-	-	-	-	20 00
Peter Doremus,	-	-	-	-	6 00
John Van Houten,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Cash,	-	-	-	-	1 50
John G. Banta,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Richard Ackerman,	-	-	-	-	10 00
John Haring,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Henry Yierriance,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Hassal Yierriance,	-	-	-	-	1 50
Mary Van Winkle,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Walling Van Winkle,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Walling W. Van Winkle,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Hannah Van Winkle,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Michael Van Winkle,	-	-	-	-	5 00
Jacob Van Winkle,	-	-	-	-	0 50
John M. Vreeland,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Edo Vreeland,	-	-	-	-	6 00
Abraham Vreeland,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Hermanus Vreeland,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Garrit Van Houten,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Henry P. Kip,	-	-	-	-	10 00
Thomas Cadmus,	-	-	-	-	3 25
David A. Westervelt,	-	-	-	-	2 00
J. Crawford,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Elizabeth Haring,	-	-	-	-	3 00
Doctor S. W. Pratt,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Abraham C. Zabriskie,	-	-	-	-	10 00

John J. Spear,	-	-	-	✓	\$1 25
Peter I. Spear,	-	-	-	-	0 50
Garrit J. Spear,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Henry J. Spear,	-	-	-	-	0 50
Eliza Lincoln,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Halmagh Sip,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Cash,	-	-	-	-	1 00

Total from Achquackinunck,	300 00
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Congregation at the English Neighbourhood.

Rev. Gustavus Abeel, in five yearly payments	\$100 }	200 00
And afterwards	100 }	
John Vreelandt, in three yearly payments	75 }	100 00
And in cash	25 }	
John De Groot, in three yearly payments	60 }	70 00
And in Cash	10 }	
Peter Westervelt, in two yearly payments	10 }	15 00
And in Cash	5 }	
Henry De Mott,	-	35 00
John P. De Mott, in two yearly payments	10 }	15 00
In Cash	5 }	
Martin De Mott, in two yearly payments	10 }	15 00
In Cash	5 }	
Michael Vreelandt,	-	10 00
Cash,	-	5 00
Sarah Quick in one year,	-	20 00
Maria D. Quick,	-	5 00
Joanna Quick,	-	5 00
Jane Banta in three yearly payments,	15 }	20 00
In Cash	5 }	
Hannah Ellis Miller,	-	25 00
A Friend,	-	2 00
James P. Demarest,	-	10 00
Jacob Vreelandt,	-	10 00
Naomi Vreelandt,	-	10 00

Total from English Neighbourhood	572 00
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Congregation of Tappan.

By a Friend,	-	-	-	-	\$50 00
By a Lady,	-	-	-	-	5 00

 55 00

Rev. Herman B. Stryker, in five years	-	-	-	50 00
Rev. Zecharias H. Kuypers,	-	-	-	50 00

 Whole amount of subscriptions obtained, \$1797 00

Of this sum \$673 have been paid.

PETER LABAGH, *Agent.*

The following communication was received from the Committee to supply indigent students, (p. 13 of minutes of last Synod,) and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.—

The Committee who supplied funds for Indigent Students in 1826 (in the Minutes of General Synod, page 13,) report the balance in their hands.

1826.		
July 7.	To Cash paid James	Balance, \$125 00
	E. Quaw, . . . \$30 00	By do. carried down, 255 00
"	Do. Christopher Hunt, 35 00	
"	Do. Cornel's Van Dyke, 98 33 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	Do. Henry Mandeville, 123 33 $\frac{1}{2}$	
"	Do. James Talmage, 93 33 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	<hr/> 380 00	<hr/> 380 00
	Balance, 255 00	

This Committee beg leave to state to General Synod that after their adjournment in 1826 ;—three pious and promising young men—two from Union, and one from Princeton College, came well recommended, and wished to enter our Theological Seminary : but they were destitute of means to support themselves.—Several Ministers were consulted in reference to them, all of whom were of opinion that the Church ought not to lose the piety and talents of these young men, but that they ought to be sent to New-Brunswick if practicable. This Committee were not furnished for such an undertaking, as there remained in their hands of the donations mentioned

on page 13 of your minutes only \$125 as above credited. In this dilemma, an individual, presuming upon the approbation of General Synod, advanced the several sums stated on the debtor side of the foregoing account, which now leaves him in advance \$255.—The young men were accordingly sent to New-Brunswick, sustained a satisfactory examination, and are now members of your Theological School, highly approved by your professors.

With this detail of circumstances that have taken place during your recess, we have seized the earliest opportunity, to present these young men to your Reverend Body, submitting the whole case to your deliberation, awaiting your decision, as to what measures shall be taken in reference to them, and whether you will refund to that individual the sum above stated as advanced by him.

Without your fostering hand these young men will again be the subjects of stern necessity, and compelled to retire from their present asylum.—This we feel persuaded you will not permit, so long as it remains a truth that the harvest is great and the labourers few, or the means are in your hands to qualify them to be able heralds of the cross of Christ.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ABRAHAM VAN NEST.

June, 1827.

A communication was received from Mr. John G. Woodward, a student of Theology in the Theological Seminary at New-Brunswick, requesting a dispensation of the former part of this year, which was referred to the Committee on the professorate.

A communication was received from the Rev. Dr. Matthews, recommending Thomas A. Ammerman as a suitable person to receive aid from the Van Benschoten funds, in the prosecution of his studies with a view to the gospel ministry, and was referred to the Committee on the professorate.

The following report was received from the Committee to employ Agents within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, to solicit subscriptions for the purposes mentioned in the minutes of Synod of September 1825.

The Committee appointed to obtain additional subscriptions to the funds of Synod, &c. within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany—Report :

That in the prosecution of the objects of their appointment, they had to encounter no little difficulty in securing the services of suitable agents. Owing to this cause, they have not been able to effect as much as was desirable, and are therefore induced to ask the Synod without delay to take the necessary steps, to have all those congregations visited, which have not yet been solicited either in whole or in part to contribute to the funds of the Church. The Committee feel persuaded that if proper efforts are made, much more money may be obtained.

During the past year the following congregations have been visited, and liberal subscriptions been made, viz :—Saratoga—Northumberland—Fort Miller—Union Village—Easton and Tyashoke in the Classis of Washington. These congregations are small both as to numbers and resources, yet, when the reasons were presented to induce them to aid the Synod in accomplishing its purposes for the welfare of our Zion, they most cordially subscribed according to their ability.

The 1st and 2d churches of Rotterdam, and the 1st church of Glenville, belonging to the Classis of Schenectady, were partially visited. The church of Claverack and Ghent, belonging to the Classis of Rensselaer, which had previously been visited in *part*, were again solicited to subscribe ; and from those individuals, who had not before been called upon, considerable sums were obtained.

The Committee would have been happy to state the names of the various donors, but owing to the absence of their chairman, in whose possession are the documents necessary for this purpose, they are compelled to delay it till the next meeting of Synod.

The subscriptions received amount to near \$1400, some of which have been paid.

The committee have also collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of Synod payments on several subscriptions to the third Professorship.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC FERRIS, *Secretary of the Committee.*

Philadelphia, June 12, 1827.

Resolved, That the above Committee be continued, and that the Rev. Robert Bronk be substituted in the place of the Rev. G. R. Livingston, who has removed within the bounds of the Particular Synod of New-York.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The following Report with accompanying documents, was received from the Board of Corporation.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Board of direction respectfully submit to General Synod, the following Report of their proceedings during the past year.

The usual name and style of this Board, viz: "The Board of Corporation," having grown into use without authority, and the same appearing indefinite as to its meaning; it was thought expedient to assume its true name, as appears by the following resolution of the Board, at a meeting held on the 28th day of July, 1826.

"*Resolved*, That this Board shall hereafter be designated by the name and style of "THE BOARD OF DIRECTION OF GENERAL SYNOD;" as they are designated at their first institution in June 1819."

This Board was requested by a resolution of General Synod, page 57 of the minutes of their last meeting, to appoint agents to proceed to Holland; and to devise ways and means, to defray their expenses on that embassy. In pursuance of this request the Board resolved itself into a committee to ascertain what the probable expense would be, and to obtain every necessary information relative to the same.

The committee thus constituted, addressed a letter to His Excellency, the Chevalier C. D. E. J. Baugeman Huygens, Envoyé Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands, &c. &c. resident at the City of Washington; to which communication a complimentary and favourable answer was received; promising the facilities of introduction, advice and correspondence.

The Board then proceeded to the election of two agents, and their unanimous choice devolved upon the Rev. James V. C. Romeyn and John Ludlow. These gentlemen however declined accepting the same. About this period a member of the Board had an interview with the Rev. James R. Reily, an agent of the German Reformed Church for the collection of monies, who had just then returned from Europe. This gentleman expressed a willingness to correspond upon the subject.

Letters were accordingly addressed to him at Hagerstown in Maryland under date Nov. 27th, 1826; and afterward upon information of his removal, to York in Pennsylvania, under date March 7th, 1827, to which an answer was not received till the 19th instant. In the mean time discouraging accounts having reached the Board, they thought it prudent to let the matter rest till the present meeting of Synod for their further instruction. The letter referred to is herewith communicated, and will aid Synod in the adoption of any further direction to the Board,—for which they wait.

A deed for the College lot and edifice in New Brunswick, conveying the same to General Synod, has been received from the Trustees of Rutgers College and recorded in the clerk's office of the county of Somerset, N. J. The deed is now in the hands of the Treasurer. Therefore the debt of \$2,212 02 due from the Trustees of Rutgers College to General Synod is cancelled by a resolution of Synod in June 1823, as will be shown by the minutes, page 53.

The agents appointed to obtain subscriptions to the second and third Professorships, having in many instances paid the amounts collected by them without rendering “a detailed statement of all the monies that have been collected”—either from churches or individuals;—it is therefore impracticable for this Board to comply with the resolution of Synod contained on the 56th page of their minutes of the last year.

In reference to the accounts committed to them, page 30 of the last minutes;—They have paid for finishing and repairing the east and west wings of the College edifice, together with the Chapel. The cost expended on the east wing and the Chapel amounts to \$2,259 09, of which amount there has been received on subscriptions \$1,658 75, leaving a balance of \$600 34, which has been paid with interest from July 1825 till the day of payment.

That on the west wing \$2,001 27, on which there has been received \$1,195 25, principally out of monies subscribed to the second Professorship, leaving a balance of \$806 02, which has been paid without interest.

They have effected an insurance on the College edifice with the "Eagle Fire Company in New-York," to the amount of \$8000, at a premium of \$30 for one year from the 17th of November 1826.

The Board respectfully recommend to Synod the necessity of revising the By-Laws enacted in 1819 for the government of the President, Directors, and Treasurer of the Corporation; and will submit herewith for their consideration, the views of the Board on that subject.

The afflictive hand of the Lord has been heavily upon us during the current year; several of our stated meetings were interrupted by the long continued and dangerous illness of our venerable President. We now bless the Lord for his recovery; he is to us as one restored from the dead. But our bereavement is irreparable.

We deeply deplore the loss we have sustained in the death of our late Treasurer, Mr. Isaac Heyer, and while we submit to the dispensation of Providence which has deprived us of an associate who was always wise in counsel, deliberate and judicious in his decisions, ready and liberal in his benefactions, and one who entered into all the plans to advance the great cause committed to their trust with a zeal chastened by prudence, and an enlargement of views dictated by an enlightened benevolence, we would record the high estimation in which we regard his character, and the sincere affection we cherish for his memory. In addition to his unwearied and gratuitous labours during life, he has by his last will devised to the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars.

The Board apprehend some difficulty in permanently supplying the place thus vacated; by virtue of the power vested in them by Synod, they have appointed Mr. Cornelius Heyer, their Treasurer, *pro. tem.* and prevailed upon him to serve till the present meeting. The Treasurer's account which follows will exhibit the state of your finances.

Statement of Receipts and Payments on account of General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, from 1st June, 1826, to 1st June, 1827.

		RECEIPTS.	Dlls. C.
1826.			
June	3	By Cash from Church corner Green and Houston Streets, for Permanent Fund, - - - -	11 01
	6	" " from Rev. W. Eltinge, for 2 dividends on his donation of Turnpike Stock, - - - -	10 00
		" " from Church at Union Village, Contingent Fund, -	6 00
		" " from Church at Easton, Permanent Fund, -	3 41
	12	" " from Church at Niskauna, do. -	2 00
		" " from Classis of Long Island, for Minutes -	7 25
	13	" " from Church at Lebanon, Permanent Fund, -	3 25
		" " from Church at Rockaway, do. -	1 50
		" " from do. Theological College, -	1 50
	14	" " from Church at Saratoga, Permanent Fund, -	3 00
		" " from Church at Northumberland, for Contingent Fund, - - - -	3 00
		" " from Churches at Hackensack and Schralenburgh, Permanent Fund, - - - \$5 00	
		" " from do. for Theological College, 5 34	
		" " from do. for Contingent Fund, 3 75	
			14 09
	22	" " from Church at Tappan, Permanent Fund, -	5 73
July	5	" " from Church at Clarkstown, do. -	2 89
Sept.	6	" " for one year's interest on L. Condit's Bond -	105 00
	12	" " from Church at Clarkstown, Missionary Fund, -	2 50
	19	" " from Consistory of Church at Montgomery, 12 months interest on first instalment of their subscription to Third Professorate, - -	12 00
		" " from Rev. Jesse Fonda, 12 months interest on his subscription to the same, - - -	3 00
	27	" " from Church at Cowneck, Contingent Fund, -	4 50
		" " from Church at Oyster Bay, do. -	5 02
Octob.	3	" " from Church at Philadelphia, Minutes of Synod, -	3 50
	11	" " from Classis of Philadelphia, for Minutes, -	4 17
		" " from Church at New Shannock, Contingent Fund, -	3 46
		" " from do. do. Theological College, -	3 46
		" " from do. do. Permanent Fund, -	3 40
Nov.	3	" " for 6 months interest on S. H. Cox's Bond. -	90 00
	8	" " from Church, corner Green and Houston Streets, for Theological College, - - -	13 22
		" " from Church, corner of Broome and Green Streets, for Theological College, - - -	13 22
		" " from Classis of New-York, for Minutes, -	16 75
	13	" " from First Church at Glenville, for Theological College, - - - -	2 00
		" " for 6 months interest on Daniel Farnham's Bond, -	180 00
	15	" " for amount loaned on Note 15 May last, - -	2172 31
		" " for 6 months Interest on do. - - -	65 17
	18	" " from Church in Garden Street, for Theol. College, -	34 00
	20	" " from Churches at Bloomingdale and Rome, for Theological College, - - -	6 00
			2817 31

Account continued.

			Dlls.	C.
1826.		By amount brought forward, - - - - -	2817	31
Nov.	22	By Cash from Church at Warwick, Theological College,		4 66
	24	" " for dividend on Bergen Turnpike Stock, -		5 00
	28	" " from Church at Catskill, for Theological College,		8 00
Dec.	1	" " for amount loaned on Note 1st June last, -	347	74
		" " for 6 months interest on do. - - - -		10 43
	5	" " from Church at Bedminster, Permanent Fund,		7 00
		" " from do. do. Theological College,		4 71
	12	" " from Church at Clarkstown, do.		2 66
	13	" " from Church at Tappan, do.		4 95
		" " from Church at Rhinebeck, do.		4 56
	18	" " from Middle Church, 25 cents donation, -		58 12
	19	" " from North Church, do. - - - -	30	53
1827.				
Jan.	9	" " from Classis of New-York, for Minutes, -		4 75
		" " from Church at Jamaica, Theological College,		15 04
		" " from Church at Newtown, L. I. do.		9 76
	10	" " from Church at Flatbush, 25 cents donation, -		15 00
		" " from Church at Berne, Theological College, -		2 00
	11	" " from Church at Somerville, 25 cents donation,		21 03
	15	" " from Middle Church, Contingent Fund, -		53 74
		" " from North Church, do. - - - -		11 63
Feb.	1	" " from Church in Garden Street, do. - -		24 30
	2	" " from Church at Bergen, do. - - - -		3 56
	5	" " for 6 months interest on P. Sherry's Bond, -	175	00
	7	" " from Church at Pompton, Contingent Fund, -		2 00
	9	" " from Church corner of Green and Houston Streets, for Contingent Fund, - - - -		13 25
	14	" " from Church at Aquackinunck, Contingent Fund,		7 50
	18	" " from Church at Berne, Contingent Fund, -		3 00
	20	" " from Mrs. and Miss Bull, 25 cents donation, -		1 00
		" " from Consistory of Church of New-York, three- fourths their annual subscription, - - - -	1275	00
		" " from Church at N. Brunswick, 25 cents donation,		23 74
March	12	" " from Church at Flatbush, Contingent Fund, -		5 00
		" " from do. do. Theological College,		10 00
	13	" " from Church at Tappan, Contingent Fund, -		3 68
	20	" " from Mrs. Everton Secretary of Cent Society of Reformed Dutch Church, - - - -		73 50
	21	" " from Church at Clarkstown, Contingent Fund,		2 31
	23	" " from Churches at Schenectady, months interest on first installment of their subscription to 3d Professorate, - - - -		6 00
April	23	" " from Church at Flatbush, Permanent Fund, -		12 00
June	6	By Balance due the Treasurer, (without interest) -	2302	24
			7381	70

		PAYMENTS.	Dls.	C.
1826.				
June	1	To Balance due Treasurer, per account then rendered,	1592	12
	9	" Cash paid Professor Milledoler, - - - -	393	75
	17	" " paid Peter Rouse by order of General Synod,	30	00
	20	" " paid Rev. T. M. Strong's expenses on delegation to General Assembly, - - - -	9	00
	23	" " paid Peter Amerman for attending on Synod, &c.	12	50
July	5	" " paid John I. Labagh for marble tombs for Professors Livingston and Woodhull, - - - -	331	02
	17	" " paid Professor Milledoler, on account salary to become due 1st September next, - - - -	100	00
	24	" " paid Vanderpool & Cole, printing Minutes of Synod in June, - - - -	105	41
Sept.	6	" " paid Professor Milledoler, balance of salary due 1st instant, - - - -	293	75
	9	" " paid Professor Cannon, one quarter's salary, - - - -	393	75
	13	" " paid Professor De Witt's draft, on account salary, - - - -	90	00
	20	" " paid Professor De Witt, balance of salary due 1st instant, - - - -	217	50
	23	" " paid Peter Spader, on account balance due the Committee for repairing College, - - - -	500	00
Octob.	3	" " paid Rev. A. N. Kittle, expenses to German Synod, - - - -	37	75
		" " paid Rev. John Knox, expenses for having Minutes of Synod transcribed, &c. - - - -	8	50
	6	" " paid Rev. W. Eltinge expenses to German Synod, - - - -	40	00
	30	" " paid by order of Board of Corporation for transcribing their Minutes, - - - -	25	00
Nov.	7	" " paid Professor Cannon, on acc't salary in advance, - - - -	200	00
	13	" " paid balance of salary due Professor Woodhull, from 19th January to 29th February last, - - - -	175	00
	18	" " paid for insurance on College edifice, - - - -	30	00
Dec.	1	" " paid Professor Milledoler, one quarter's salary, - - - -	393	75
	6	" " paid Professor De Witt, one quarter's salary, - - - -	437	50
	8	" " paid balance due the Committee at New Brunswick, for repairing the west wing of the College, - - - - \$306 02		
		And interest paid by them, - - - - 9 07		
1827.			315	09
Jan.	16	" " paid Professor Cannon's salary from 25th April to 1st June last, - - - - \$153 12		
		And balance due on quarter from 1st September to 1st December last, - - - - 193 75		
			346	87
	26	" " paid P. Spader, for regulating street in front of College, - - - - - - - -	228	44
March	2	" " paid Professor Milledoler, quarter's salary, - - - -	393	75
	9	" " paid Professor De Witt, - - - - - - - -	287	50
	17	" " paid Professor Cannon, quarter's salary, - - - -	393	75
			7381	70
To Balance due the late Treasurer, (without interest) -			2302	24

ISAAC HEYER, *late Treasurer,*
per CORNELIUS HEYER.

New-York, June 6, 1827.

*Account of Monies received by Cornelius Heyer, as Acting Treasurer
for General Synod.*

1827.			Dlls.	C.
May	9	By Cash from Classis of Philadelphia, for Minutes, -	27	33
	"	" from Church of Philadelphia, Theolog. Seminary,	16	00
	"	" from do. do. Permanent Fund,	15	00
	"	" from do. do. Contingent Fund,	19	80
	10	" from Church at Fishkill Landing, do.	4	64
	"	" from do. do. Theological Sem'y.	5	16
	14	" from Congregation of Warwick, Contingent Fund.	3	50
	"	" from Rev. John I. Christie, donation, Theological Seminary, - - - - -	50	00
	"	" from Classis of Paramus, for Minutes, - -	8	00
	"	" from Congregation of Paramus, for Professorate,	10	45
	"	" from do. of Iotawa, do.	8	13
	16	" for 6 months interest on Rev. S. H. Cox's Bond, \$3,000, - - - - -	90	00
	19	" from Church in Market Street, 25 cent donations,	67	63
	21	" from Duryee & Heyer, amount of loan to them at 6 per cent. - - - - -	3767	80
	"	" from Duryee & Heyer, for interest from 1st June, 1826, to this date, 11 months 20 days, -	219	79
	"	" from Congregation at Nassau, Contingent Fund,	2	50
	"	" for one year's interest on Colonel Henry Rutgers's Bond, \$5000, to be paid by General Synod to Trustees of Rutgers College, - - -	300	00
	22	" for 6 months interest on D. Fanshaw's Bond, \$6000,	180	00
	"	" for 2 year's interest on Jacob R. Hardenbergh's Bond, \$4000, - - - - -	560	00
	21	" from Congregation at Nassau, Theological College,	52	00
	"	" from I. L. Kip, Treasurer of Church of New-York, for licence given to print Psalm Book, -	150	00
	"	" from Consistory of Church of New-York, for 12 months interest on their Bond to Second Professorship Fund, - - - - -	300	00
June	2	" for 12 months interest on Dr. De Witt's Bond, \$2500, - - - - -	150	00
	6	" Collection in Churches of Shawangunk and New Prospect, for Theological College, - -	3	16
	"	" for 2 year's interest on subscription of \$100 to Second Professorate, - - - - -	12	00
			6022	89
		By Balance brought down, - - - - -	5336	93

*Account of Monies paid by Cornelius Heyer, as Acting Treasurer for
General Synod.*

			Dlls.	C.
1827.				
May	22	To Cash paid J. R. Hardenbergh, amount of Bill for Sundries ordered to be paid by General Synod in 1826, - - - - -	132	21
	26	“ “ paid Rev. Abraham Messler, this sum allowed by Synod for collecting subscriptions to Third Professorate, in Ovid and Owasco, - -	10	00
June	2	“ “ paid Professor De Witt, balance of salary due in March last, now applied by his desire to interest on his Bond, - - - - -	150	00
		“ “ paid Professor Milledoler, one quarter's salary due 1st instant, - - - - -	393	75
	6	To balance to new account, - - - - -	5336	93
			6022	89

CORNELIUS HEYER, *Acting Treasurer.*

New-York, June 6, 1827.

The following sums have been received during the past year, for the Second and Third Professorships.

For the Second Professorship.

1826.	July 6.	From Rev. Dr. Brodhead on account of his Subscription,	\$50
Nov. 30, and May 28, 1827.	} Per Abraham Van Nest, collected by him,		
		From Cornelius Ray,	\$100
		Isaac L. Kip,	100
		Rev. Dr. John Knox,	50
		John D. Keese,	50
		Elizabeth Pierce,	100
		Cornelius Heyer,	50
		Richard Duryee,	50
		Dr. John Neilson,	50
			550
			<u>\$600</u>

Amount brought forward,	\$600
From George Janeway,	\$100
Samuel Ward,	50
James Ward,	50
John Nitchie,	50
Church at Greenwich,	100
William Mandeville,	100
Magdalen Oothout,	100
Eliza Evertson,	100
David L. Haight,	100
Rev. Dr. G. A. Kuypers,	75
	<hr/> 825
	<hr/> \$1425
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For the Third Professorship.

1826.

Oct. 10.	From Rev. William S. Heyer, on account of Subscription,	30
	From Mrs. Schenck,	50
	“ Albert Christie,	10
	“ P. C. De Wint,	5
		<hr/> 95
Nov. 13.	“ Rev. P. P. Rouse, collected in Classis of Montgomery,	200
“ 16.	Per Rev. John Gosman, From Church at Shawangunk,	48
	“ New Paltz and New Hurley,	87
	“ Hurley, Middletown, &c.	96
	“ Kingston,	56
		<hr/> 287
“ 25.	From Church at Catskill, on account of their Subscription,	100
	“ Second Church at Albany, for 2d instalment of their Subscription,	100
		<hr/> \$782
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Amount brought forward,						\$782
Nov. 25.	From C. Miller, received by him from					
	sundry persons,					240
Dec. 5.	From Rev. J. Van Vechten, one-fifth of his					
	Subscription,					10
	Per Rev. Mr. Ferris,					
	Collected in Congregation at Coxackie,					\$440
	do. do. at Ghent,					65
						<hr/> 505
	From Rev. Jacob Fonda, 1st instalment on					
	his Subscription,					20
	„ Church at Kinderhook,					200
1827.						
May 2.	From Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, 2d instal-					
	ment on his Subscription,					25
„ 26.	Per Rev. Abraham Messler,					
	Collected from sundry persons at Ovid,					54
	do. from sundry persons at Owasco,					92 37
	From Rev. Abraham Messler, 1st instal-					
	ment on his Subscription,					10
						<hr/> \$1938 37
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ANNUAL DIGEST.

In obedience to the order of General Synod, the Board have prepared the Annual Digest, which is as follows.

I. *As to the Van Benschoten Fund.*

The amount of this Fund was, on the first day of May last, as reported by Peter Spader, the Deputy Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned on Bonds, secured by Mortgages in the State of New Jersey: a copy of which Report was rendered by him to the Trustees of Rutgers College on the 2d April last, \$15,133 64
Amount of Brick House, sold for 2,000 00
Interest due on 1st May last, not collected, 877 46
Rent due on Brick House, 33 75
In the hands of the Deputy Treasurer, not invested, 664 35

There was paid for indigent Students during the past year, out of the above fund, \$572 50.

The Board respectfully remind Synod of the propriety of their recommending suitable persons to receive aid from this fund.

II. *Legacy of the Late Miss Rebecca Knox.*

The amount of this fund is \$2000, due from the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

On which there was a balance of interest in the hands

of the Deputy Treasurer 1st May last,	-	-	\$8 11
One year's interest received the present year,	-	-	120 00
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			\$128 11
Paid indigent students past year,	-	\$120 00	
Paid postages, - - - - -	-	13	120 13
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Balance,	-	-	\$7 98

As rendered by Peter Spader, Deputy Treasurer of Rutgers' College 2d April, 1827.

Interest due on the Bond 1st May, 1827, \$40 00

III. *Professorate Funds in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College.*

Secured by Bond and Mortgage	-	-	-	-	\$9750 00
Received during past year for interest, and arrears of interest, up to 1st April, 1827,	-	-	-	-	433 75
Interest due on this fund, 1st May, 1827,	-	-	-	-	533 70
Paid Professors' salaries,	-	-	-	\$572 50	
Sundry charges paid by Deputy Treasurer for expenses, acknowledging deeds, searching records, &c.	-	-	-	5 50	
Paid one year's salary to Deputy Treasurer,	25	00			
Balance in hands of Deputy Treasurer,	58	22			
The probable annual proceeds of which will be about					\$675 00

IV. *Indigent Students.*

The sum of \$150 has been paid by Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer of the Collegiate Churches in New-York to the Acting Treasurer of this Board, for money received for a license to print an edition of psalms and hymns.

V. *Permanent Fund.*

This Fund, including the 2d and 3d Professorships, stands as last year, excepting that the individual obligations therein mentioned, amounting to \$6.287 75. have been paid off to wit,

Three sums loaned on Notes, viz:—1826, May 15th,	\$2.172 31
— June 1st,	347 74
1827, May 21st,	3,767 80
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	\$6.287 85

Which will appear in the late Treasurer and Acting Treasurers' accounts current none of which has been re-invested. But their accounts will shew *all* the monies which have been *received* and *paid*, as well by the late Treasurer, as the Acting Treasurer since his death. As no books of the late Treasurer of the distinct accounts of the 2d and 3d Professorships have been found, the Board cannot therefore more particularly at present report thereon.

VI. *Collection in the Churches.*

During the past year has been received from this source,

For the Permanent Fund, - - - - -	\$75 19
“ Contingent Fund, - - - - -	186 14
“ Twenty-five cent donations, - - - - -	217 05
Other collections for the Theological College, -	289 98
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	\$768 36

VII. *Cent Societies.*

The receipts during the past year have been *only*
from the Collegiate Churches in New-York, - \$73 50

VIII. *Minutes of General Synod.*

There has been received for Minutes during the last
year the sum of - - - - - - \$71 75

IX. *Contingent Fund.*

Since the last report, there has been received on account of this fund \$186 14. The Board are under the necessity of referring to the Treasurers' accounts current, for the sums which have been paid on this account.

X. *Donation of the Rev. W. Eltinge.*

The Bergen Turnpike Stock of this donation, has been transferred to General Synod.

XI. *Debts of General Synod.*

Due Professor De Witt 1st June, instant,	-	-	\$437 50
Due Professor Cannon, do.	-	-	393 75
Due Trustees of Rutgers College for one year's interest received on Colonel Rutgers' Bond for \$5000.	-	-	300 00
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			\$1,131 25
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XII. *Estimate of Expenses of General Synod, from 1st June, 1827, to 1st June, 1828.*

Payments of debts, as above mentioned,	-	-	\$1,131 25
Salaries of three Professors,	-	-	4,900 00
Contingent expenses, about	-	-	600 00
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			\$6,631 25
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XIII. *Estimate of Receipts from June 1, 1827, to June 1, 1828.*

1. From the Professoral Fund,	-	-	\$600 00
2. From the Permanent Fund, including 2d and 3d Professorships do. about	-	-	2,250 00

3. Rev. Mr. Eltinge's donation,	- - - -	\$10 00
4. Classes for printed minutes,	- - - -	75 00
5. From the 25 Cent Donations and other collections, according to arrangements as now directed by General Synod, about	- - - -	800 00
6. Grant of Consistory of Collegiate Churches in New-York, for three years, \$1700, commencing 9th November, 1825,	- - - -	1700 00
		<hr/> \$5,435 00 <hr/>

The Board most respectfully recommend to General Synod, to re-enact the resolutions heretofore adopted by them for the collections of money, and particularly that it be recommended to all the Churches, to attend to the collection of the Twenty-five Cent Donation. This item alone would be productive of a large revenue, if duly attended to.

To conclude, the Board have nominated the Rev. Eli Baldwin as their representative to make such statements and explanations as may be necessary for the further information of Synod: as will appear by an extract from their minutes herewith sent.

The discharge of our duties has uniformly been attended with cheerfulness and pleasure; yet the visitations of death repeated from year to year, lead us to eye with deep solemnity the mysterious Providences of God, and admonish us, that the time of our departure approaches.

At the close of the present year, full of gratitude for past mercies, we would humbly place our labours at the feet of our Heavenly Master; acknowledging ourselves unprofitable servants; and cherishing in our hearts, an unreserved submission to his righteous will.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY RUTGERS, *President.*

ISAAC L. KIP,

CORNELIUS HEYER, } *Directors.*

WILLIAM M. MURRAY, }

New-York, June 7th, 1827.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Board of Corporation, as relates to monied concerns be referred to the Committee on Finance, and so much of it as relates to correspondence, to the Committee on Correspondence, and the remainder to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That the Rev. Eli Baldwin be recognised as an agent from the Board of Corporation, to give such explanations in relation to the matters submitted by said Board as the Synod may require.

Resolved, That the Rev. Alexander Gunn, D. D., Nicholas I. Marselus, and the Elder John I. Labagh. be a committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons, who constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

The committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors and a Treasurer of the Corporation; when Mr. Henry Rutgers was chosen President, Messrs. Isaac L. Kip, Cornelius Heyer and Rev. William M Murray, D. D. were chosen Directors, and Mr. Isaac Young was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

The following By-Laws for the regulation of the Board of Corporation submitted by them, were read and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The General Synod in pursuance of the authority vested in them by their act of Incorporation, have made and ordained the following By-Laws, to regulate the conduct of the President, Directors and Treasurer of the Corporation.

I.

The Board shall hold stated meetings at least once in every month, and the President may call special meetings whenever he deems it necessary and shall call such meetings when thereto requested by any two of the Directors.

II.

A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business, and in the absence of the President the attending Directors may appoint a President *pro. tem.* to preside at their meetings.

III.

The Board of Directors are empowered to direct the collection of all monies which may be due to the General Synod, or subject to their control and outstanding, whenever the Board shall consider it necessary or expedient; and also to require new or additional security for outstanding debts, as a condition of extending the time of payment of any such debts which may not be deemed perfectly secure; and all securities for monies belonging to or under the control of Synod, shall be made payable to the Corporation in its corporate name and its assigns, either on demand, or at a day certain, not beyond a year from their date, with interest payable yearly.

IV.

The Board of Directors shall appoint two of their number, who with the Treasurer shall form a Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to invest or loan the monies which may come into the Treasury over and above the sums required to satisfy any existing claims or appropriations made, as they shall deem safe and most productive, and the Treasurer shall, whenever the amount received into the Treasury exceeds \$500 over said existing claims and appropriations, immediately report such excess to the Finance Committee.

V.

The monies as they become due shall be receivable by the Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to deposit the same forthwith in the Bank of New-York, or in such other Bank as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine, and all such deposits shall be entered in a book to the credit of the Treasurer of "The General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church," who shall have the custody of said book, and all monies shall be drawn out of the Bank by written or printed checks signed by the Treasurer in his official capacity.

The Treasurer shall keep regular books of accounts, in which he shall enter all monies received or paid out by him under appropriate heads, designating the particular fund to which the same belong, when and from whom received, and when and to whom paid; and

also to keep in said books a particular statement of all monies loaned, to whom, when, and upon what securities loaned, and all monies otherwise invested and when and how ; and shall state separately under the head of Donations all sums of money which have been or may be placed at the disposal of Synod, designating the donors' names, the amount of their several donations and the particular purposes for which made ; and shall exhibit his books of account, including his bank-book, to the Board of Directors for their inspection at every stated meeting and oftener if requested. And it is made the duty of the Board to examine such books when so exhibited, and to make a brief entry of the general result of the examination in their minutes.

VI.

The Board of Directors are authorized to appoint a Secretary, whose duty shall be to attend their stated meetings and keep regular minutes of all their proceedings, and to correspond with such persons as the Board shall direct relative to their business.

VII.

The Board shall report to Synod at their annual meetings, a particular statement of the situation of the funds belonging to or under the control of Synod, how secured or invested together with such suggestions and information as the Board may deem necessary, the better to secure the said funds, or to render the same more productive ; and shall accompany such report with a general abstract of the Treasurer's accounts of receipts, and payments for the past year.

VIII.

The Board is authorized to affix the common seal of the Corporation, and cause their President to give his official signature to any letter of attorney for the collection of debts, or any other purpose in order to the due fulfilment of any of their aforesaid duties.

IX.

The appointments of the President, Directors and Treasurer shall not endure longer than one year, or until others are appointed, but

new appointments may be made within the year, and the Board of Directors are authorized to suspend the Treasurer from office for misconduct ; in which case, or in case of his resignation, death or inability to perform the duties of his office, and also in case of his declining to accept his office, (when thereunto appointed by General Synod, and after their adjournment) the Board of Directors may appoint a Treasurer *pro. tem.* to hold his office until the next meeting of General Synod, and until another Treasurer is appointed.

X.

The Board of Directors are authorized to determine the amount of salary to be paid to the Treasurer and Secretary for their services, (if it shall be deemed by them expedient to grant any salary,) but under this express limitation, that the Salary of the Treasurer shall not exceed the sum of \$250 per annum, nor shall the Salary of the Secretary exceed the sum of \$100 per annum, exclusive of necessary disbursements made by them in the execution of their respective duties, to be audited by the Board of Directors ; which said salaries shall be paid quarter yearly if required. And the Board of Directors shall also, from time to time, determine the amount of security to be given by the Treasurer (if any is deemed necessary) for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. And shall also be the judges to determine the sufficiency of the securities offered by him : which bond when executed, is to be left in the Custody of the President for safe keeping.

XI.

All By-Laws formerly enacted are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation be requested to take the subject of the annual collections appointed by Synod, into consideration, and so to alter the time, and explain the objects of the different collections, as shall tend most to advance the interests of General Synod.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

The Rev. Ashbel Green, D. D. and the Elder Alexander Henry, appeared and having produced testimonials of their appointment by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, took their seats as Corresponding members of the Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. John H. Smaltz and Samuel Helfenstein, of the German Reformed Church, appeared, presented several copies of the minutes of the last session of the German Synod, and took their seats as Corresponding Members.

The following report was received from the members appointed by this Synod to attend the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod.

The undersigned beg leave to report to General Synod that they have attended the meeting of the German Reformed Synod at Frederickstown,—presented the minutes of General Synod to said body,—were received with cordiality, and treated with respect and hospitality.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. ELTINGE,
A. N. KITTLE.

The members appointed to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, brought in the following report.

The delegates appointed to attend a meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church,

Respectfully report, That they have discharged the duties assigned them; were kindly received and affectionately treated during the whole session; were gratified with their proceedings,—with the uninterrupted harmony and brotherly love that prevailed,—with the truly encouraging and highly interesting reports from various sections of their Church upon the state of religion. Among other important transactions we notice, the retention (by the decision of a large majority) of that article of their constitution which prohibits the marriage of a man with his deceased wife's sister. And also

of the establishment of a new Theological Seminary to be located at Allegany town in the state of Pennsylvania ; to the professorship of which the Rev. Dr. Janeway has been appointed. May the divine blessing render this institution productive of great good.

JACOB C. SEARS.

FREDERICK ERRINGER.

Resolved. That the Rev. Peter Labagh and the Elder Stephen Van Rensselaer be delegates *primarii*, and the Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston and the Elder John Rorer be delegates *secundi*, to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved. That the Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge and John F. Schermerhorn, be delegates *primarii* and the Rev. C. C. Cuyler and Robert Bronk be delegates *secundi*, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Twenty-seven copies of the minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church for 1826, were received and distributed among the Classes.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Correspondence report, That from the reports of the delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the Synod of the German Reformed Church it appears that the Correspondence with those reverend bodies continues to be conducted with punctuality and christian harmony and cannot fail of being productive of beneficial results. The Committee therefore recommended that the Correspondence be continued.

Your Committee would further recommend that an overture be made by this body to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, to maintain a correspondence with that reverend body upon the same terms with the Correspondence maintained by this Synod with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Committee observe with regret that the Board of Direction of the Reformed Dutch Church, have not been successful in procuring agents to visit the land of our forefathers, and renew the

friendly relations, and Christian intercourse formerly existing with the mother church. From the communications put into the hands of your Committee, of his Excellency the Minister and Envoy Extraordinary, from the King of the Netherlands, at Washington, and the Rev. Mr. Reily of York in Pennsylvania who has lately visited that country it appears highly probable that the various objects which this Synod has in view in the appointment of agents to visit the Churches in Holland, would be accomplished, provided suitable persons could be procured to undertake the agency. The Committee therefore submit the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That this Synod appoint by ballot, two agents, who shall sail for Holland with all convenient speed and endeavour to accomplish the objects contemplated by this Synod in their resolutions of the last session on this subject; and that the Board of Corporation be and are hereby directed to defray the necessary expenses of the agency.

PETER LABAGH, *Chairman*.

The Synod proceeded to the election of the agents to Holland, contemplated in the above report. On counting the ballots it appeared that the Rev. Messrs. Peter Labagh and John Ludlow, were chosen *primarii*, and the Rev. Thomas De Witt and John F. Schermerhorn *secundi*.

Whereupon it was, *Resolved unanimously*, That the Rev. Messrs. Peter Labagh and John Ludlow be, and they hereby are appointed agents to visit Holland for the purposes above mentioned, and the Rev. Messrs. Thomas De Witt and John F. Schermerhorn, be their *secundi*.

Resolved, That in case the Rev. Peter Labagh should go on the mission to Holland, the Professors in the Theological Seminary, and the Teacher in the Grammar School, be requested to supply his pulpit, and that the Board of Corporation take measures to supply the pulpit of the other agent, who shall accompany him.

Resolved, That whenever any of the above-mentioned agents shall signify to the President their acceptance of the appointment of Synod, he be authorized to make out their commission, to be signed by all the officers of General Synod.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.

Whereas the Members of this Synod feel the importance of cultivating personal religion—and whereas we peculiarly need the divine direction in our present deliberations, therefore

Resolved That the Members of this Synod will meet each morning during its session at 6 o'clock, in the Consistory Room of this Church, for the purpose of social prayer and praise.

Resolved further. That this Synod will also observe, during its session, a season for united and special prayer to the great Head of the Church for the out-pouring of His Spirit on the ministers churches and congregations in our Connexion, and on his kingdom throughout the world ; and also that the Delegates from each Classis exhibit a written account of the state of religion in their Classis.

In pursuance of the above resolution, the Synod spent the afternoon of the third day of the session as a season of special prayer, when reports on the State of Religion were received from the Delegates of the respective Classes, which were referred to the Committee on the State of Religion.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :

That unbounded gratitude is due to Almighty God, our heavenly preserver, for the great mercy vouchsafed to our Zion in permitting a large delegation to assemble under auspicious circumstances of health and comfort ; and that we communicate the following view of the State of Religion to the churches and congregations under our care, with ardent prayers to Him who occupies the throne of grace, that whatever evils may exist, they may soon be remedied, and whatever blessings have been bestowed, they may be increased a hundred and a thousand fold.

The Committee are peculiarly happy in reporting, that the most desirable harmony of views and unity of effort prevails throughout our bounds. The young ministers who have been lately introduced into the Church, uniformly maintain the doctrine of our Fathers.

and while they commend themselves to the increasing confidence of the Churches, they also commend our Theological School which has nurtured them to the prayers and support of every lover of religion.

On the subject of vital godliness and Christian activity, the balance of information exhibited in the Synodical reports and the written accounts received on the floor of Synod is favourable and encouraging. "Though iniquities testify against us, yet God has not forgotten to be gracious." In the detail before us, coldness in the church and wickedness in the world, will be seen; but through divine mercy, increasing devotion in God's people and a progressive moral amelioration in the community at large, will also be observed. Your Committee will submit a view of the State of Religion in the order of the Synods and Classes under your jurisdiction.

The evils which call for the prayers of this Synod to God for correction, consist in the coldness and irregularity of many professing Christians, and in the sins and stupidity of the people at large. All the reports exhibit mournful accounts of the backsliding and worldly spirit of many of the avowed followers of Christ. There are those who bear the Christian name, who feel so little for the spiritual interest of their families, as not to present them to the family altar. There are those who neglect the gathering themselves together at the public worship of God, and spend the holy Sabbath in visitings and carnal conversations, and sometimes even in unsanctified amusements; and thus pain the feelings of the pious, and encourage the violations of the ungodly and the careless.

There are those in the bosom of the Church, who shut up the bowels of their compassion against their brethren, and against the interest of the Lord's kingdom. While many of their brethren are making liberal donations to the school of the prophets and other objects of public interest, they do not observe the importance of these things, and refuse to contribute of their substance for their support.

There are those who do not entertain that cordial affection for their Christian brethren which our Lord so strongly inculcates, and here and there the spirit of discord has entered into the sacred pale of the church. There are very many who neglect the important duty of "teaching and causing to be taught" to their children, the great principles of religion contained in our Catechism. And there is an

extensive and mournful conformity to the vain customs and practices of the world that lieth in wickedness ; and although their delinquencies may not be such as to require the exercise of discipline, yet they open the way for more glaring deviations from duty, and give a most injurious sanction to the vanities of the world.

In the non-professing part of our congregations and society in general, besides expected carelessness of divine things, many destructive vices exist. Amongst the vices that meet the eye of the Christian philanthropist, Sabbath-breaking holds a most prominent place. Encouraged by this laxness of not a few professors, the Lord's day is grievously profaned. Not only is it spent by many in the slumbers of the sluggard, but friendly visits—calls of business—performance of errands, and all manner of amusements, and sports are very frequently observed. The vice of intemperance stalks like a mighty Goliath through the land, slays its thousands and defies the armies of the living God. In some circles of society, and in some sections of the country more than others, the unprovoked and aggravated vice of profaneness often shocks the ears of piety. The neglect of the means of grace is in many cases mournfully prevalent, and a disposition to run after unauthorized and heretical teachers is sometimes observed.

In view of these prevailing sins, who does not feel the reason to exclaim, "If thou, Lord, should mark iniquities against us, O Lord, who can stand ! But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. Help us, O Lord, for vain is the help of man, and blot out our iniquities for thine own name's sake."

But while your Committee exhibit these reasons of complaint, they do not intend to intimate that the state of the congregations is worse than in former years. So far from it, there is reason to bless God and congratulate one another, that the reports exhibit facts and accounts, which plainly declare that the mercies of God have been increased during the year.

This will be apparent from the following extracts : In the Classis of New-York, though there has been no special out-pouring of the Spirit, yet the stated administrations have been continued, and professing members are increasing in knowledge and growing in grace.

In the Classis of New-Brunswick, there is a general and increasing attention to the means of grace. In some of the congregations

the state of religion is peculiarly gratifying. The church of Spotswood is rapidly increasing, and happily improving in all that constitutes the beauty of Christian society: The churches under the care of the Rev. C. C. Eltinge, have been remembered of God and blessed with an extensive revival. Forty members have been added to the church, and the work still continues.

The Classis of Long Island gives a cheering report. The Lord has looked on some of the churches, and blessed them in an uncommon measure. The church of Jamaica has enjoyed a pleasing revival, and twenty-six members have been added to the communion. In the congregation of Oyster Bay, twenty persons have obtained a good hope, and many others appear deeply affected.

The Classis of Paramus, after speaking in detail of the existence of Catechetical and Bible Classes, and Sabbath School and Praying Societies, comes to this conclusion, that the churches are now under more copious droppings of the Sanctuary than in former years.

The Classes of Bergen, Philadelphia, and Poughkeepsie, all speak of the continued mercy of God,—the well attended preaching of the word,—the general good order of the churches, and additions to some of them,—the general existence of Missionary, Bible, Catechetical and Sunday School Institutions: but no very extraordinary effusions of the Spirit within their borders.

In the Classes of Ulster and Schoharie, an ordinary state of things exists. There are triumphs of grace, there is a gradual accession of members, and there is proof that they are not forsaken.

In the Classis of Schenectady, God has granted a copious outpouring of his Spirit on the church under the care of the Rev. Mr. Slingerland. Between forty and fifty souls have renounced all for Christ, and a good state of feeling is noticed in other churches.

In the Classis of Cayuga—Sandbeach and Ovid have been revived and strengthened.

In the Classis of Albany, God has smiled on his heritage. In the city of Albany a very hopeful state of things exists, and a considerable number have already submitted themselves to Jesus Christ.

In the Classis of Washington, good things reach us from Waterford and Wynant's-Kill. The church of Waterford has been much strengthened; thirteen souls have been added to the communion

under the labours of the Rev. I. P. Labagh. 'The Spirit of God has arrested some souls at Wynant's-Kill, and awakened the church to earnest prayer.

God has been pleased to do good in the Classis of Rensselaer. Appearances have been hopeful at Catskill. At Kinderhook, the church is agonizing in prayer for the conversion of sinners. Clermont is not forgotten in God's thoughts of mercy. The spirit of prayer greatly rests on Schodack ; and Athens has enjoyed, and is enjoying a sweet and blessed revival.

From the Minutes of the German Reformed Church, laid on the table of Synod, and from the statement of the Corresponding Delegate, your Committee are enabled to report, that the prospects of that large and interesting portion of Zion are unusually cheering. The Seminary of that Church is now in successful progress. The ministers are multiplying, and though, as is frequently the case in all Christian communities, the Report complains of lukewarmness in many, yet the spirit of devotion has gone forth more extensively than in former years, and a powerful work of grace has blessed more than one section of the church.

The Presbyterian Church, through its Delegate, communicated to us the Narrative of the State of Religion within their bounds. In the wide extent of that Church, great diversities of circumstances exist ; but the sum of information clearly indicates that God is in the midst of them, and that he rides in the chariot of salvation among them, from conquering to conquer.

Among the indications of the Divine smile on our Church, your Committee present with great pleasure, the success of our own Missionary Society. A very pleasing increase of liberality to this institution is manifest from the augmentation of the funds. But what is truly cheering to every Christian, is the fact, that through the instrumentality of this Society, several languishing and destitute churches have been revived and supplied with the Word of Life ; and some of them in less than a single year, have been enabled to support the Gospel without further assistance from this society. In consequence of the labours of these missionaries, not only have scattered churches been gathered together, but a considerable number of precious souls have been arrested, convinced, and brought into the liberty of the

children of God, and into the communion of his saints. By these results, every friend of the Church and of souls must be encouraged to repeat and increase their exertions in favour of our Missionary Society. It is manifest from comparing together the number of communicants in the church, the ordinary amount of individual contribution, and the whole amount received into our treasury, that not more than one out of four of the members of our Church contributes to this Society. Will not the friends of our Church come up more generally to the help of the Lord? Do our brethren and sisters realize the value of souls, and their approaching account at the tribunal of God? O let them cast in "of their abundance," or their "two mites," into the treasury, by which they may be instrumental in gladdening a saint weeping in solitary places, in recovering many a poor sinner taken captive by the great adversary, and in brightening the crown of glory which they hope to wear forever.

Another subject which calls for gratitude to God, and is intimately connected with the state and interests of religion, is the prosperous state of our Literary and Theological College. By the generosity of the members and friends of the Church, the subscriptions for the support of the third Professor, are in great forwardness. The Literary Department is in full and very prosperous operation, and offers the certain prospect of being an abundant fountain, whose streams shall supply our Theological Seminary, and flowing abroad, will gladden many a waste and solitary place of Zion, and many a parched and barren spot in the destitute world.

We congratulate the Churches on the resolution of General Synod, recommending the formation of Education Societies in the several congregations belonging to our body. Undoubtedly, no measure could be more necessary in the present state of our School, nor more auspicious to the interests of our Institution. Perhaps the Societies are formed in all our congregations, and in successful operation; but your Committee have no knowledge of the fact, except so far as relates to the Classes of New-Brunswick, Albany, and Rensselaer, in each of which efforts have been made, funds raised, and three young gentlemen are now assisted by them. It is hoped that, as far as it is practicable, this example may be imitated. Young men can be found of suitable qualifications, who will gratefully accept the aid of the

pious in obtaining the education necessary to enter on the pastoral office. How soon would all our vacancies be supplied, and how rapidly might our boundaries be extended, if every church having the ability, would support one candidate for the ministry. O that the time were come, when every Christian shall awake to the importance of this subject, and while they generously provide missionary means, they would also provide men to be employed by those means.

The Committee recommend to General Synod the adoption of the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That it be enjoined on the Consistories of the respective Churches under the jurisdiction of this Synod, to exhibit to their respective Classes at their annual meetings,—and upon the Classes, to transmit through their Delegates to General Synod, written and particular accounts of the state of vital godliness within their bounds, the subjects of sorrow in the Church, the state of the congregation, the prevailing vices, the efforts of benevolence that are made, and whatever else may be deemed interesting as the materials of the report on the State of Religion.

2. *Resolved*, That as it does not appear that the different congregations have complied with the resolution of General Synod in regard to the formation of Education Societies, therefore this Synod do earnestly repeat their recommendation on this subject.

Herewith is transmitted the table of Statistical Accounts.

All which is respectfully submitted.

I. N. WYCKOFF, *Chairman*.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW-YORK.

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CLASSIS OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.	
		Number of fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.
New Brunswick	J. B. Hardenbergh	320	1930	295	24	32	14	8	9	320	30	11
Raritan	R. D. Van Kleek	251	1654	366	8	23	32	3	4	358	37	3
Hillsborough	J. L. Zabriskie											
Bedminster	I. M. Fisher											
Middletown	J. T. B. Beekman	95	570							50	6	2
Freehold	S. A. Van Vranken	80	500							68		4
Walpeck	No Pastor					9			2		50	2
Rockaway and } Lebanon }	J. I. Schultz	65 122	390 732	91 106	2 3	3 2	6 2	2 3		86 106	10 9	1
Minisink and } Mahakamack }	C. C. Eltinge			87 111	1 1	40 8	3 3	1 2	2 3	123 114	18 11	13 1
North Branch	G. H. Fisher	70		46	12	3	2			59	5	
Six Mile Run	No Pastor											
Spotswood	H. L. Rice	90	600		5	5	1		1	55	4	1

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

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CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bap.		
		Number of fami- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.
First R. D. Phila.	G. R. Livingston				2	7	6	1	5	459	16	
First R. D. Spring Garden	J. C. Sears	85	490		5	4	2			55	5	1
Harlingen	Peter Labagh	150	900		1	10	5	2	5	200	23	3
New-Shannack	Gabriel Ludlow											
North and South- hampton.	Jacob Larzalere											
North Branch at Redington	No Pastor											

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bap.		
		Number of fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.
Poughkeepsie	C. C. Cuyler			339	8	4	12	1	11	327	13	2
Fishkill	C. D. Westbrook											
Hopewell	T. De Witt											
New Hackensack	M. W. Dwight			149					1	149	5	
Rhinebeck												
Redhook	A. N. Kittle			106	5	1	1	1	3	167	19	1
Greenbush	H. Vedder											
Taghkanick	do.											
Kingston	John Gosman	280	1750	361	9	3		3	3	367	40	4
Hyde Park	F. H. Vanderveer	90		85		2	8		1	78	5	
Fishkill Landing	W. S. Heyer	70	350	85	1	1				87	5	
Linlithgow	A. N. Kittle			109	6		3	3	1	108	29	

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bap.		
		Number of fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Suspended.	Dismissed.	Died.	Total in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.
Ch of Albany	J. Ludlow	200			7	11	1	3		213	12	1
2d Ch. of Albany	J. Ferris	208	1200	18	11	13	3	4	7	238	19	
Washington & Gibbonsville	R. Bronk	80	380	66	1	1		2		66	3	
Salem Union	J. C. Boice	111		80		3			5	78	7	
	do.											
Coxsackie	J. Searle											
Bethlehem	S. Kissam											
Coeymans	do.											
Westerlo	A. Fort	70	385	47	1	7	1	2	2	50	9	

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bap.		
		Number of fami- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Suspended.	Excommunicat'd	Dismissed.	Died.	Total in Com- munion.	Infants.	Adults.
Kinderhook	Jacob Sickles												
Nassau	James Romeyn												
Ghent	P. S. Wynkoop	98			2	1	2			1	153	5	
Hillsdale													
Claverack	Richard Sluyter	219	1417	436	2	8	2		6	4	434	46	3
Schodack	Asa Bennet	230	1307	152	4	17	1		2	5	162	44	
Catskill	I. N. Wyckoff	217	1266		3	3	1	1	3	3	200	35	1
Greenbush	A. Henry Dumont	180	1200	199	2	7	2		20	6	180	33	1
Blooming-grove	do.	50			7	2			4	10	71	34	1
Athens	*										40	6	9

* The Rev. David Abeel is labouring as an Evangelist at Athens.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

No Report.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

No Report.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

No Report.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

No Report.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

No Report.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

No Report.

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on Synodical Minutes beg leave to report, that they find on the Minutes submitted to their inspection the following resolutions and recommendations, claiming the attention of this Synod.

On the minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, they find resolutions dividing the Classis of New-York into two Classes ; making Grand-street the division line.

On the minutes of said Synod, your Committee find the following reference of the Classis of New-York, to wit :—

“ Whether the article of the Constitution, requiring the regular exposition of the Catechism on a part of every Lord’s day, is to be rigidly enforced ; or whether it may not be submitted to Consistories, where circumstances may require it to be partially dispensed with.”

Your Committee also find on said minutes, notice of the suspension by the Classis of Paramus, of S. Z. Goetchius from his office, as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

On the minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, the following preamble and resolutions from the Class of Albany, in which said Synod concurred, are presented for the consideration of General Synod.

“ Whereas the rules of church government, together with the explanatory articles, are found to be in many respects illy calculated to promote the correct and useful administration of the government and discipline of the church ; therefore

Resolved, That the Classis of Albany deem it highly expedient that there should be an entire revision of the rules and articles of Church Government of the Reformed Dutch Church.”

The Committee also find a resolution relative to the case of Simon Westfall, whose application on the recommendation of Synod for aid from the Van Benschoten Fund, is stated not to have been granted ; which resolution requires an inquiry into the reason of its failure.

On the minutes of said Synod, is also found a recommendation, that some modification be made in the plan of the organization of the

Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church ; which may tend more effectually to occupy the Missionary ground, and excite a common interest throughout the congregations belonging to said Church in the cause of Missions.

On the minutes of General Synod, the only subject referred to the present meeting, is the Incest question ; contained in the following words :

“*Resolved*, That so much of the acts of the General Synod, passed in the years 1797 and 1815, recorded on page 264 in the appendix to our Constitution, as directs the churches to exclude from sealing ordinances the persons contemplated by those acts, be, and the same is, hereby repealed.”

The above are all the particulars which your Committee have ascertained as requiring the investigation of General Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL KISSAM, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That so much of the report on Synodical Minutes as relates to the reference from the Classis of New-York on the subject of Preaching on the Heidelbergh Catechism be referred to the Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, Samuel A. Van Vranken, and John F. Schermerhorn, and the Elders Stephen Van Rensselaer and Abraham Van Nest.—(See Art. 11.)

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the reference from the Classis of Albany on the subject of the Revision of the Rules and Articles of Church Government and Discipline, be referred to the Rev. Nicholas I. Marselus, Herman Vedder and Jacob D. Fonda, and the Elders Thomas Letson and John I. Labagh.—(See Art. 9.)

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the case of Simon Westfall, be referred to the Trustees of Rutgers College.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the modification in the plan of the organization of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, be referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Overtures brought in the following report, which was accepted :—

“The Committee of Overtures report, that nothing has come before them, claiming the attention of Synod.”

J. D. FONDA, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

The following appeal, taken by the Classis of New-York from a decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, was presented to Synod, viz :—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church to meet in Philadelphia on the first Wednesday of June, 1827, the Classis of New-York do hereby appeal from certain resolutions of the Particular Synod of New-York, which are in the words following, viz :—

“*Resolved*, That it is expedient to divide the Classis of New-York.

“*Resolved*, That Grand-street be the division line between the two Classes.

“*Resolved*, That the Classis north of said division line shall be known by the name of the Second Classis of New-York; and that said Classis shall meet at the Church in Broome-street on the last Wednesday of May, instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of being duly organized, and that the Rev. Dr. Brodhead preside and preach on the occasion, and that the Rev. Dr. Gunh be the secundus to the Rev. Dr. Brodhead.”

From these resolutions the Classis appeal, and because of the following reasons :—

The 31st Art. of Ex. Arts. says, that all Ecclesiastical Assemblies possess a right to judge and determine upon matters within their respective jurisdictions, and which are regularly and in an Ecclesiastical manner brought before them.

In the 36th Art. of Rules of Church Government, the powers of different judicatories are defined.—“ A Classis hath the same jurisdiction over a Consistory. which a Particular Synod hath over a Classis, and a General Synod over a Particular.” And in the 39th Art. of Ex. Art. Classes are invested with the power of forming new Congregations. and determining the boundaries when contested between Congregations already formed; the continuing combinations, or the dissolution, or the change of the same. as may be requested by the people, or be judged necessary among the respective Congregations.

I. According to the above quotations from the Constitution of the Church the Classis deem the above resolutions of Particular Synod to be inconsistent with good order, and with that respect which is due from a higher to a lower judicature in the adoption of a measure in which the lower is so materially concerned.

The Classis of New-York had not deliberated on the question of a division: they had not previously expressed their sentiments on it, as they conceive they had a right to do: it came before the Synod by a report of their own Committee on Synodical Minutes, and ought therefore in courtesy to have been referred to the Classis for their consideration. And as a Particular Synod has no more power over a Classis than a Classis has over a Consistory, and as the only ground upon which a Classis can lawfully form new Congregations or divide those already formed, is an application originating with the people and duly preferred, or a state of controversy respecting boundaries which renders the intervention of their power necessary, the Classis conceive that such a reference of the question to them was proper as a recognition of their right to be heard in relation to it.

From the principles above stated. they conclude that a Synod ought not to divide a Classis, unless application to this effect be duly made, or such a controversy on the subject exists in the Classis as may call for their interference and as the Classis of New York had not previously agitated the question of a division. the Particular Synod have. as they believe, lost sight of a cardinal principle of good order in the power they have exercised.

II. The Classis consider the precedent set by Particular Synod, in the exercise of such power over a lower judicature, without hearing

or consulting with it on a measure of so much importance, as dangerous to the best interests of the Church. If the right of a lower judicature to be previously heard on a question in which it has a deep concern, be denied, it is obvious that its interests are put at the mercy of a higher one, or at the mercy of individuals who are disposed to use with it an improper influence. If Particular Synods may divide and subdivide the bodies of which they are composed, without consulting with them, or even giving them a hearing, then Classes may divide and subdivide Congregations at the instance of disaffected individuals, without paying any respect to Consistories with whose interests such measures might materially interfere; without hearing them on the expediency or in expediency of such measures; without even recognizing their existence. The higher judicatory has no check on the exercise of its power to almost any extent, and the oppressive exercise of it in any instance cannot be corrected but by subsequent appeal, which peculiar circumstances might sometimes render impracticable, while the consequences would be in a high degree ruinous to those immediately interested.

III. The Classis add, that the expediency of any division of their body cannot be fairly determined by the reasons stated by the Synod as the ground of their act. This body in reference simply to the number composing the Classis, and to preserve an equal numerical representation from the Particular Synod, might suppose a division expedient. Upon these grounds they might very properly have referred the matter to Classis, to learn if any thing could be urged to show it inexpedient: but there are other considerations involved in the question of expediency, which certainly deserve some attention, and render it doubtful whether the single advantage of an increase of representation in General Synod, the object designed to be accomplished by the proposed division, would not be more than counterbalanced by some injurious effects resulting from the division, on the influence and prosperity of the Dutch Church in this great and growing city. Of the importance of these considerations, the Classis is perhaps more competent to judge than the Particular Synod, and ought therefore to have been consulted on the question of expediency. Circumstances may exist, which possibly upon mature deliberation would render it expedient to preserve our union in order to

preserve our strength, and to keep pace in our growth with other denominations. Concentrated action, it has been said, is powerful action. The same powers, when applied by a common direction, will produce results impossible to their divided and partial exercise. The respectability of the denomination, the general interests of the Church would possibly be more effectually promoted by having in the midst of so vast a population and in the midst of so many other denominations, a Classis respectable for its numbers as well as for its talents and piety than by any increase of representation in General Synod which cannot be obtained but by a division of Classis. For the above reasons, said Classis feeling themselves aggrieved, do now and hereby lay their appeal from the judgment of Particular Synod, as expressed in the afore-cited resolutions before the General Synod, and request that the Rev. George Dubois and the Rev. Dr. Brownlee be heard as Commissioners for the prosecution of the same.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original, on the Minutes of Classis.

JAMES H. TELLER, *Stated Clerk.*

A memorial and protest against the above Appeal, signed by three members of the Classis of New-York, was received and read.

The Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D. and Rev. George Dubois appeared before Synod, and were accredited as Commissioners from the Classis of New-York to prosecute the appeal. The Particular Synod of New-York at its last session were considered as Respondents to the appeal.

The Synod proceeded in the consideration of the said appeal in the following order :—

1. The *Appeal*, and the *reasons* of the appeal were read.
2. The *Documents* in relation to the case were read.
3. The *Appellants* were heard by their Commissioners.
4. The *Respondents* were heard by their Minutes.
5. The *Appellants* were heard in reply.

The Synod proceeded to *deliberate* and *decide* on the merits of the Appeal, *excluding from a vote such members as had voted in the case, either in Classis or Particular Synod.*

It was then moved and seconded that Synod adopt the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Appeal of the Classis of New-York from the Particular Synod of New-York dividing said Classis be sustained, and that the decision of the Synod be declared void.

The question on this resolution being taken, it was decided in the *affirmative*.

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

The Committee on the Revision of the Rules and Articles of Church Government and Discipline, (See Art. 7,) reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the reference from the Classis of Albany, on the subject of the Revision of the Rules and Articles of Church Government and Discipline, respectfully report—That they have carefully examined the matter submitted to them and though they highly respect that body with whom this subject originated, and believe them to be influenced by the purest motives, yet, inasmuch as no reasons in favour of the proposed revision, have been suggested, and fearing that such a measure would be calculated to disturb the peace and harmony of our Church, they are decidedly of opinion that such revision ought not to take place, and they therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this Synod deem it inexpedient to take any measures to revise or alter the Rules and Articles of Church Government and Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,

N. I. MARSELUS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE X.

Doctrines and Morals.

The following resolution on the Minutes of the last General Synod, which had been postponed for the consideration of this Synod, was called up, viz :—" *Resolved*, That so much of the acts of the General Synod, passed in the years 1797 and 1815, recorded on page 264, in the appendix to our Constitution, as directs the Churches to exclude from sealing ordinances, the persons contemplated by those acts, be, and the same is hereby repealed."

The subject was discussed at considerable length, and the question being taken on the resolution, it was decided in the *negative*.

The votes were as follows, viz :—

Yeas.—Messrs. N. I. Marselus, E. Baldwin, W. Crookshank, J. Larzalere, S. Kissam, R. Bronk, R. Sluyter, J. F. Schermerhorn, J. A. Yates, A. Terhune, J. Schuyler, Jun. J. G. Philip, J. Philip, S. De Ridder, A. Morris.—15.

Nays.—Messrs. J. B. Hardenberg, S. A. Van Vranken, S. Van Santvoord, G. Abeel, J. G. Ogilvie, W. Eltinge, B. C. Taylor, S. H. Meeker, H. Hermance, P. Labagh, J. C. Sears, H. Vedder, C. D. Westbrook, I. Ferris, A. H. Dumont, I. N. Wyckoff, J. B. Ten Eyck, A. D. Wilson, J. D. Fonda, I. P. Labagh, J. H. Van Wagenen, R. J. Blair, J. B. Steele, A. Messler, A. Van Nest, J. I. Labagh, L. Lefferts, T. Letson, T. Garrabrants, C. Board, R. Ackerman, S. Mitchell, G. W. Mentz, A. Feaster, N. Miller, L. I. Van Kleeck, C. C. Van Wyck, S. Van Rensselaer, J. Southworth, J. Salisbury, J. Switz.—41.

Whereupon it was *Resolved*, *nemine contradicente*, that it is inexpedient to make any alteration or modification of the decisions of the Church on the subject of a man's marrying his deceased wife's sister.

ARTICLE XI.*Customs and Usages.*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Preaching on the Heidelbergh Catechism (See Art. 7, p. 52) reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the subject of the Reference from the Classis of New-York, recommend to the General Synod the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That this Synod view with regret the conduct, and the example which this reference officially brings before the Church ; that it approves of the decisive conduct of the Particular Synod of New-York on this subject ; and that the Classis of New-York, and all the Classes under the care of the General Synod be hereby instructed to observe the Rules of the Reformed Dutch Church on the subject of the Heidelbergh Catechism.

By order,

CORNELIUS D. WESTBROOK.

ARTICLE XII.*Schools and Christian Education.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.*Rutgers College.*

The following report was received from the Committee appointed in 1823, to procure subscriptions for the purchase of the College edifice at New-Brunswick, and was referred to the Committee on Finance :—

The Committee appointed in 1823 to procure subscriptions for the purchase of the College edifice, &c. at New-Brunswick, report, that there has been collected for that purpose and was deposited in the bank of New-Brunswick, from the following subscribers :—

Consistory of Church at Freehold, N. J.	-	-	-	\$300 00
Consistory " Newtown, L. I.	-	-	-	250 00
Rev. P. I. Van Pelt, Staten Island,	-	-	-	125 00
Benjamin Bailey. Harlaem	-	-	-	100 00
M. Van Beuren, Greenwich,	-	-	-	250 00
J. B. Yates & Archibald M-Intyre, N. Y.	-	-	-	250 00
Gideon Lee, New-York,	-	-	-	30 00
E. C. Delavan New-York,	-	-	-	25 00
Joseph Jamison, New-York,	-	-	-	5 00
Abraham Bloodgood,	-	-	-	125 00
Mary Smith, (widow,)	-	-	-	50 00
Abraham Brower,	-	-	-	50 00
John Nexen,	-	-	-	25 00
Samuel Nelson,	-	-	-	25 00
A. Sitcher,	-	-	-	25 00
Isaac Amerman,	-	-	-	25 00
Anthony Chapel,	-	-	-	25 00
Joseph Geraud,	-	-	-	25 00
J. B. Montgomery,	-	-	-	25 00
William Swan,	-	-	-	25 00
Stephen Baker,	-	-	-	25 00
Joseph V. Varick,	-	-	-	25 00
J. Van Benschoten,	-	-	-	12 50
Margaret Ten Eyck, (widow,)	-	-	-	25 00
Ellen Brown, (widow,)	-	-	-	25 00
Thomas L. Chester,	-	-	-	25 00
James R. Oliver,	-	-	-	25 00
Margaret Schoonmaker, (widow,)	-	-	-	25 00
Jane Vredenburgh, (widow,)	-	-	-	25 00
Hanke Lilienthal,	-	-	-	50 00
James Forrester,	-	-	-	25 00
Isaac Young,	-	-	-	25 00
Anthony Steinback,	-	-	-	50 00
Catharine Harvey, (widow,)	-	-	-	25 00
Catharine Van Blarcom, (widow,)	-	-	-	25 00
Stephen Reed,	-	-	-	25 00
George Van Nest,	-	-	-	25 00

Henry I. Wyckoff,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$125 00
Alexander C. Jackson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
James Roosevelt,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
F. Olmsted,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
F. J. Wyckoff,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Bailey & Voorhies,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Francis Saltus,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Elias Nexen, Jun.	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
John W. Taylor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	67 00
Doctor Thomas Boyd,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Doctor James N. Bliss,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
R. V. Beekman & Co.	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Storm & Bailey,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Nicholas Van Brunt,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Bailey & Holmes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Thomas Storm,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
John T. Boyd,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Joseph Lloyd,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Henry Suydam,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
James Gillespie,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Lambert Suydam,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
James Oakley,	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
John S. Heyer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Wm. M. Black,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
George H. Stanton,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
William Van Antwerp,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Peter L. Vandevoort,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Murray,	-	-	-	-	-	-	125 00
Doct. John S. Conger,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Albert Brinkeroff,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Andrew Onderdonk,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
J. Meserole,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Susan Catin,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Jane Couenhoven,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
John Lefferts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Jeremiah Lott,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
John Lott,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00

Abraham Lott,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5 00
Garret Martense,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Cornelius Bergen,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Catharine Vanderbilt,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Abigail Lloyd,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Jane Fish,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Johannes Remsen,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
E. Thompson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Peter Hertzog,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Christopher Cornelius,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Ichabod Prall,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Anna Maria Jackson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Rev. John F. Jackson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50 00
Samuel Delemater,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Mrs. Frances Nicholson,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
Doctor Samuel Bradhurst,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Interest allowed by the Bank of New-Brunswick on the money deposited by the Committee,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	516 87
Cash subscription,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Abraham Van Nest,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 63
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Paid Note of Trustees Queens College to the Bank of New-Brunswick, and deli- vered to Trustees,	-	-	-	\$4,685 45
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				\$4,800 00

Your Committee would further report, that in compliance with the resolution of General Synod of June, 1823, (See Minutes, pages 52 and 53,) they have succeeded in obtaining subscriptions to the amount contemplated by Synod for the purchase of the College edifice and lot; and that they have paid to the Trustees of Rutgers, formerly Queens College, four thousand dollars for the purchase money, and eight hundred dollars for three years and four months interest on the same, at 6 per cent., which is in full for said property;

and for which they have received a good and sufficient deed of conveyance from said Board of Trustees in fee simple, free from any conditions or restrictions whatsoever, and they have delivered said deed to the Board of Corporation of General Synod. The Committee have accordingly cancelled the debt of \$2,212 02, with the interest due from the Board of Trustees to General Synod.

Your Committee now respectfully ask to be dismissed.

ABRAHAM VAN NEST, *Chairman Committee.*

New-York, June, 1827.

An account current of the General Synod with Mr. Peter Spader, for monies received and paid out for building a Cupola to the College Edifice, was received; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A similar account current with Mr. Peter Spader, for repairs on the College Edifice, accompanied with certain vouchers, was received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College was received, requesting an alteration in the covenant between them and the General Synod, on the subject of the salaries of the Professors in the Literary Department,—which was referred to the Rev. Alexander Gunn, D. D., Isaac Ferris, and C. D. Westbrook, and the Elders, Stephen Van Rensselaer* and Simon De Ridder.

The Committee reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Trustees of Rutgers College, report,—

That it appears to them inexpedient that the Synod comply with the request contained in said communication; but inasmuch as the concurrence of the General Synod, in every expenditure which the Trustees might deem necessary, and which the Synod would approve if in session, cannot be obtained as promptly as the interests of the

* The Elder Abraham Van Nest was substituted in his place on the sixth day of Session.

Literary Institution might in fact sometimes require : the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents of the College be authorized, for one year, to sanction such appropriations from time to time, out of the overplus of the funds and tuition money of the College, if any there should be, as they may think will be conducive to the welfare of that Institution.

And whereas the Trustees have pledged themselves to Dr. Adrain, to an amount of salary above the original stipulation between the General Synod and Board of Trustees, the Committee recommend that General Synod concur in the alteration of the amount of this Professor's salary, it being understood that the Trustees pay the same out of the income of the Literary Institution.

ALEXANDER GUNN, *Chairman*.

The following report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, respectfully report :—

That since the last annual report, made by this Board, the Institution has continued to flourish under the guidance and care of the same Professors, therein named, and has so far fully realised the pleasing anticipations then formed, of its future prosperity. The assiduity and zeal evinced by our excellent President and distinguished Professors, in the discharge of their several duties, and their unremitting endeavours to elevate the character of the College, by a scrupulous attention to its interests, have eminently contributed, as we fondly hope, to place it on a permanent basis.

The youth committed to their care are well taught, and no pains are spared to instil into their minds the principles of pure morals and sound literature. The public examinations have afforded ample testimony of the proficiency made by the several classes in their respective studies, and were very satisfactory to such members of the Board as were enabled to attend them. For a more particular knowledge of the present state of the College, the Board beg leave

to refer the Synod to the following extracts from the report made by the Faculty to the Board of Superintendents of June 4, 1827, viz.—

“The Faculty of Rutgers College respectfully report to the Board of Superintendents of the same :—

“That the whole number of Students in the Literary Institution is sixty-four. That of this number, the Senior Class is composed of five,—the Junior Class of nineteen,—the Sophomore Class of twenty-three,—and the Freshman Class of seventeen Students.

“From the accounts received from all the Professors of the College, it appears that its present literary state is in a high degree favourable and cheering. The Senior Class are reported as having highly distinguished themselves throughout their whole course, and in all the various branches of study in which they have been engaged. The proficiency of the Students, in general, will bear favourable comparison with that of the sons of the most distinguished institutions in this Country.

“On the subject of morals and discipline, the Faculty have experienced some difficulties, but are happy to state that they have been of a partial and temporary character and are now passing away. The order of General Synod on the subject of Biblical recitations is regularly attended to, together with preaching in the Chapel on the morning of every Lord's day, and daily prayer in the Chapel; and we have the pleasure to add, that there are many Students in the College who give evidence of piety, and are the salt of the Institution. A regular and voluntary meeting for prayer, which is well attended, has been instituted among them.

“In taking a retrospect of the past, and looking forward to the future destinies of the Institution, the Faculty hope and believe, that if nothing of an unexpected or untoward nature shall occur, that under the smiles of a Heavenly Providence its course will be prosperous,—that the sanguine hopes of its benefactors will be answered,—and that it will become a great and lasting blessing to the Church of God, and to our Country.”

From the present aspect of affairs, the Board are induced to believe it will become necessary for them, at no very distant period, to employ a Tutor to teach some of the branches prescribed by the Statutes of the College.

They will only add, that the funds of the Institution have improved during the last year; and they indulge the hope, that ere long the continued zeal and liberality of its friends, will relieve it from all embarrassment from want of an adequate income.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By Order of the Board.

CHARLES SMITH, *Chairman*

Board of Superintendents.

ATTEST,

C. L. HARDENBERGH, *Secretary.*

New-Brunswick, June 4, 1827.

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College be requested to report to this Synod, an account of all monies appropriated by the Board of Trustees with their consent.

Resolved, That the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College be a Committee to take up subscriptions and donations, in aid of the funds of the Library of Rutgers College.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the Professorate submit the following report.

The report of the Superintendents of Rutgers College represents that institution as in a most flourishing condition. The ability and fidelity with which the President and several Professors of the College perform their respective duties, promise to raise the institution to an eminence that will nobly recompense the patrons for all the toils which its re-establishment has cost them. In the Senior Class there are five, in the Junior Class nineteen, in the Sophomore Class twenty-three, and in the Freshman Class seventeen, making in all sixty-four Students. These are faithfully instructed in the various branches of literature usually taught in our colleges, and peculiar pains are taken to instil into their minds the principles of true religion and sound morality; and those who have witnessed the

public examinations of the Students can attest to their favourable proficiency.

It appears from the report of the Board of Corporation, that that body has resolved that they shall hereafter be designated by the name and style of the Board of Direction of General Synod. Your Committee are ignorant of the reasons that have induced a deviation from the style heretofore used by that body in their communications to Synod ; and to them it appears adviseable that the former name be resumed. or if any alteration should be deemed necessary, that "The Board of Direction of the Corporation" would convey a more accurate idea of the official character of that Board, than the one that has just been assumed.

Your Committee concur with the Board in their suggestion concerning the By-Laws of the Corporation, and do not hesitate to recommend the adoption of those that have been read before Synod, and which are contained in the document accompanying the report of the Board of Corporation.

Your Committee are deeply sensible of the loss which the Church has sustained by the death of the late Mr. Isaac Heyer, and they are persuaded that no suggestions of theirs are necessary to awake in the Synod a just regard for the memory of a man who was lovely in his life, serene in the hour of his death, and the memorial of whose worth will be found in the history of the progress of truth, and virtue, and benevolence, in our land.

In conformity with a request for that purpose, referred to your Committee, they would respectfully report in favour of a recommendation by this Synod, to the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, to relinquish the remainder of the tuition fees of Benjamin Swartz, a student in that institution, from and after the present session. They would also recommend that the following persons, viz. Cornelius Van Dyke, Henry Mandeville, James Talmage, John H. Bevier, and Thomas Ammerman, be recommended in the order in which they are here named, to the Trustees of Rutgers College, as suitable persons to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund.

Your Committee would also recommend that a dispensation be granted to Mr. Woodworth for the former part of this year, and that upon condition of his satisfying the Board of Superintendents as to

his attainments at the end of the contemplated term, he be recommended to the Professors for the professoral certificate.

The only remaining subject submitted to your Committee, is a statement, from which it appears that from an anxious desire to secure to the Church the talents and piety of those promising young men who are now in the Institution Mr. Abraham Van Nest has been induced to advance from his private resources the sum of \$255, which sum your Committee suggest might be refunded from the avails of a subscription circulated on Long-Island, a part of which at least is disposable in this way,—and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Corporation of General Synod, be directed to pay to Mr. A. Van Nest the sum of \$255, from the avails of the Long-Island subscription, or any other monies that may be at the disposal of the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. ELTINGE, *Chairman*.

The period for which the Board of Superintendents was elected having expired the Synod proceeded to a new election; and on counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were chosen to form the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, until the meeting of General Synod, which shall be in June, 1830,—viz:

Rev. Messrs. Alexander Gunn, D. D., Nicholas I. Marselus, Jacob Brodhead, D. D., William C. Brownlee, D. D., Samuel A. Van Vranken, John L. Zabriskie, Cornelius D. Westbrook, Cornelius C. Cuyler, John Cornelison, James V. C. Romeyn, John I. Christie, Benjamin C. Taylor, Jacob Schoonmaker, Thomas M. Strong, Peter Labagh, Gilbert R. Livingston, John Ludlow, Robert Bronk, Isaac N. Wyckoff, Richard Sluyter, John F. Schermerhorn, Paul Weidman, Peter P. Rouse, Dow Van Olinda, Andrew Yates, D. D., Abraham Messler, Philip Duryee, Jacob D. Fonda, Robert J. Blair, Thomas Romeyn, Abraham D. Wilson, and William R. Bogardus.

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

The following resolution adopted by the Particular Synod of New-York was referred to the Rev. Peter Labagh, J. G. Ogilvie, and the Elder, Everardus Warner.

“*Resolved*, That the Delegates to General Synod, be and are hereby instructed to apply to that body for particular directions to the different Classes, in relation to those Ministers or Candidates under their care, who, having received aid from the funds, apply for a dismission with a view to connect themselves with some other denomination within the term of ten years.”

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee appointed to report on the 24th article in the minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York in relation to Ministers and Candidates who apply for dismission, with a view to connect themselves with some other denomination, beg leave to recommend to General Synod the adoption of the following statement and subjoined resolution :—

Whereas by a resolution of General Synod, those Ministers and Candidates who have received pecuniary aid from the funds and who apply for a dismission from the Dutch Church with a view to connect themselves with some other denomination within the term of ten years, are required to refund the amount of pecuniary aid by them received while in the prosecution of their literary and theological studies ; and whereas delinquencies are supposed to have occurred in regard to a compliance with the above order of Synod, owing probably in some instances to the Synod's not having designated distinctly the body to which the aforesaid monies should be paid, nor by whom it should be demanded—therefore

Resolved, That whenever any Minister or Candidate who has received aid from the funds of this Synod, shall apply for a dismission from any Classis under the jurisdiction of this Synod, with a view to connect himself with some other Christian denomination within the

term of ten years from the date of his license, it shall be the duty of such Classis, before any dismission is granted, to be satisfied that the applicant shall have refunded or has given a written obligation to the Treasurer of Rutgers College, or the Treasurer of General Synod, for the amount of pecuniary aid by him received, payable in four years, in equal annual instalments.

P. LABAGH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Whereas the vice of Intemperance is one of the most dangerous and destroying evils of our country, and calls for the deliberations of the wise, and the determined activity of all the friends of man ; and whereas, it is desirable that this Synod shall solemnly consider this subject, and obtain such light on the best measures to correct this evil as may be accessible ; and whereas, the Agent of the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance is present and has expressed a desire to exhibit the views of that Society to this Synod—therefore

Resolved. That the Synod will hear the Rev. Mr. Hewitt, Agent of the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance, on the subject of his agency.

The Rev. Mr. Hewitt, the Agent of the American Society for the Promotion of Temperance, appeared before Synod, and explained the views and objects of the said Society. A copy of proceedings at the organization of the Society, of its Constitution, and of the address of the Executive Committee was presented and read.

Resolved, That the communications received by Synod on the subject of Intemperance, be referred to a Special Committee, con-

sisting of the Rev. C. D. Westbrook, I. N. Wyckoff, and Samuel A. Van Vranken, and the Elders Stephen Van Rensselaer* and Singleton Mitchell.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the subject of preventing Intemperance, recommend to the General Synod the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved That this Synod has heard with deep interest and painful solicitude the address of the Rev. Mr. Hewitt, on the *causes*, the *consequences* and the *remedy* of Intemperance ; that it cordially approves the object of the Society of which he is the Agent ; and that it be hereby affectionately recommended to the Ministers, Consistories, and Congregations under its care, to promote the cause of temperance by precept and by example ; and as one means of furthering this most benevolent object, to discourage the *indiscriminate* use of ardent spirits in family, and in social circles.

By order,

CORNELIUS D. WESTBROOK, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That this Synod regard with deep interest the extensive and awful profanation of the Holy Sabbath-day in this country.

Resolved. That this Synod consider the running of public stages and of steam-boats and canal-boats on the Sabbath, a gross profanation of that holy day and that the Members of our Churches and Congregations be, and they hereby are earnestly solicited to discourage, both by counsel and example, all such travelling on the Sabbath-day.

Resolved That it be, and hereby is recommended to our different Classes and Congregations, to take the subject of the Sabbath into their serious consideration, and to devise such measures as may, under the Divine blessing, prevent the profanation and promote the sanctification of the Sabbath-day.

*The Elder Cornelius C. Van Wyck was substituted in the place of the Elder S. Van Rensselaer, after the latter had obtained leave of absence.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

A communication from the Rev. Absalom Peters, the Corresponding Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society, was received, accompanied with a number of the last annual reports of said Society which were distributed among the members of Synod.

The Fifth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church was presented to Synod, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. Professor De Witt preached the Annual Missionary Sermon before Synod, from Isaiah lxii. 6. 7. in the First Reformed Dutch Church, in the evening of the first Sabbath after the commencement of the session—when a Collection amounting to \$72 36 was taken up in behalf of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church. The Rev. William C. Brownlee, D. D. was appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod, and the Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken was appointed his *secundus*.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Missions, present the following report:—

It is pleasing to observe, that the importance of Domestic Missions, and their claims on the Christian Church, begin to be generally acknowledged and extensively felt. The various evangelical denominations in our country have organized associations in their respective bounds, and are effecting much to cultivate the waste places of Zion. It will be grateful to this Synod to be informed, that our brethren of the German Reformed Church, have entered with spirit into this work, and organized an efficient Society on the principles of our own.

The report of our own Board, exhibits great cause of gratitude and renewed activity. The practical efficiency of our system has been felt more widely than at any previous period. Its friends have multiplied, and lent their co-operation. And, what affords the high-

est encouragement, the Lord has been pleased to own the labours of our brethren in bringing many to a knowledge of the truth and the fold of Christ.

It should however be deeply impressed on every mind, that we should not—cannot, pause at this stage—but are most imperiously urged forward. A vast field spreads itself before us ready for cultivation ; many locations remain unoccupied, and numbers who have strong natural claims on our church, are anxiously looking to us for aid.

Besides, the marked favour which the Great Head of the Church has vouchsafed, affords such an index to duty, that it would be a reflection on our filial regard and faith, not to follow its direction promptly.

It is a matter of congratulation, that the northern section of our Church, has expressed so strong a feeling and desire to pour its great resources into the domestic treasury, and exercise its influence in breaking up the fallow ground. While we say, God speed to the system of Foreign Missions, for it is great, splendid, and eminently successful in bringing forward the latter day glory, yet it is believed that the cause of Domestic Missions should go hand in hand with it, and indeed among ourselves should have the precedence. Upon examination, it appears that many of our Congregations contribute their whole charities abroad, while many others seem to pay no regard to the recommendations and injunctions of General Synod, to make collections for Missionary purposes. It is not sufficient that Synod legislate—Brethren must come forward and act; and if we are not satisfied with merely recording the enactments of Synod, on the minutes of our Classes, but put them (in our respective places,) into the fullest execution, another year will furnish us the most cheering intelligence.

The Committee are not aware, what considerations led the last Synod to recommend a Foreign Mission, by our Church in her individual capacity. Yet, as it has been recommended—as the Board have made progress in preparatory steps—and it has gone before the Churches, they feel themselves so delicately situated, as to be unable to suggest any measures in relation to it; though as a committee, they conceive it matter of very doubtful expediency.

Appended to this report are several resolutions which are recommended to General Synod for their adoption.

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Board of the Missionary Society as amended, be adopted and published by the Board, and circulated as widely as possible among the Churches.

2. *Resolved*, That this Synod do join with the Board of Directors of the Missionary Society and the Friends of Missions, in Thanksgiving to the Head of the Church, for his blessings on our Missionary efforts during the past year.

3. *Resolved*, That the *Board* be encouraged to go forward in their work, and use every pious means to excite a more general interest on the subject of Domestic Missions in the Churches under our care.

4. *Resolved*, That the *Board of Directors* of the *Missionary Society*, urge upon their Missionaries, the importance of using every effort to raise their support among the people with whom they labour.

5. *Resolved*, That the Missionary Collection, directed by Synod in former years, be continued the present year.

1. FERRIS, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church be, and they hereby are requested to continue a Board of Agency; and if they shall judge proper to enlarge that Board within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, and that in the appointment of Missionaries to labour within the bounds of that Synod, they consult as far as practicable the views of said Board.

The following resolution was adopted.

Whereas the report of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, has been published in part in the Magazine of the Reformed Dutch Church, before the said report was submitted to this body for their approbation;—and whereas certain parts of said printed report, especially that part which relates to the mission to Utica, and the remarks on that mission, have met the decided disapprobation of this Synod, and have consequently been stricken from the report;—therefore.

Resolved, That the said Missionary Society be, and are hereby directed not to suffer in future their annual reports, either in whole or in part to be published from the press until the same has received the approbation and consent of this Synod.

Resolved, That in case any day of Thanksgiving and Prayer be appointed by the civil authorities, that a collection be taken up on such day, in aid of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church.

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

The communication of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

The following resolution was adopted,—viz :

Whereas Messrs. Terhune and Letson of New-Brunswick, having obtained licence to print a new edition of the Psalms and Hymns of the Reformed Dutch Church, have left out all the forms usually inserted in that book, (excepting those of Infant Baptism and Marriage,)—and whereas the General Synod deem such an omission calculated to keep out of the view of our people those peculiar features which distinguish our Church, and which we wish to transmit unimpaired to our children's children, therefore—

Resolved, That in case any part of said edition be still in sheets, the publishers be requested to add all they have left out; or that in case the whole edition be already bound up, General Synod hereby recommend to the Churches under their care, not to purchase such an imperfect copy.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk furnish Messrs. Terhune and Letson with an attested copy of the above resolution.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the Particular Synods of New-York and Albany, be requested to transmit annually, at least

ten copies of the Minutes of their respective judicatories, to the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

Resolved, That measures be taken by the Board of Corporation, to renew the copy-right of the Psalm Book used in the Churches under the care of this Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

Pastoral Letter.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXII.

Synodical Archives.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Finance Report, That they have examined the two accounts submitted to Synod by *the Committee for Repairing the College Edifice*, with the accompanying vouchers, and find them correct.

It is deemed proper to add, for the satisfaction of the parties concerned, that the following donations have been received by the Committee of Repairs, viz :—*For Building a Cupola*—from Stephen Van Rensselaer, \$200 ; collections in New-Brunswick, by Dr. Dewitt, \$100 50 ; Mr. Haines, \$30 ; Abraham Van Nest, \$75 ; Geo. Richmond, \$2 50 ; Thos. Letson, \$100 ; T. M. Holcomb, \$1 ; James Conover, \$5—*For General Repairs*, from J. C. Ackerman, \$10 ; A. Potts, \$5 ; R. Letson, \$5 ; J. Hicks, \$5 ; Dr. F. Schenck, \$10.

From the examination of the above accounts, it appears that, after the application of the monies collected by the Committee of Repairs, the Synod are in debt for erecting and finishing the Cupola of the College \$90, and for general repairs during the year \$214 42.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:—

Resolved, That the above accounts be allowed, and the Treasurer be, and hereby is authorized to settle the same.

Resolved, That Messrs. John Frelinghuysen, Thos. Letson, and Peter Spader be continued as the Committee of Repairs for the year ending June, 1828.

The Committee add further, in relation to the report of the *Committee for Purchasing the College Edifice* that they have examined the same, and find the calculations correct. As said Committee have fulfilled the duties assigned them. they recommend their discharge according to their request, and that Synod adopt the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved. That this Synod entertain a deep and grateful sense of the zeal and faithfulness of Messrs. Abraham Van Nest Jacob R. Hardenbergh and Isaac Heyer in performing their arduous duties as a Committee for raising money and purchasing the College edifice at New-Brunswick, and that said Committee be, and hereby are dismissed.

In relation to the accounts of the Treasurer of General Synod, the Committee can only remark, that they come to this body through the hands of the Board of Direction, who have examined and forwarded the same.

All which is submitted.

I. FERRIS, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all Committees and individuals, who transmit monies to the Treasurer of General Synod, to send therewith a particular statement by whom, for what purposes they are given, and what amount by each donor.

The door-keeper's bill amounting to \$10 18, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

JUNE, 1827.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Resumption and Close.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Resolved That the Stated Clerk publish 750 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

Resolved That one hundred copies of the Minutes of General Synod of this year, be put at the disposal of the Elder Abraham Van Nest.

ARTICLE XXV.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday in June, 1828, at 10 o'clock A. M.

CORNELIUS C. CUYLER, *President.*

CORNELIUS D. WESTBROOK, *Adressor.*

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, } *Clerks.*

JAMES B. HARDENBERGH, }

Official copy from the original minutes.

For the Stated Clerk.

THOMAS M. STRONG.

☞ The collections which Synod have directed to be made in all the Churches under their care, are:

For the Theological College, on the first Sabbath of November.

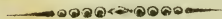
For the Permanent Fund, on the first Sabbath in May.

For the Contingent Fund, on the first Sabbath in January.

For the Missionary Fund, (in all those congregations where auxiliary societies do not exist.) on the first Sabbath in September.

The twenty-five cent contribution is requested to be made on the last Sabbath in December.

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OF THE
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Acts and Proceedings

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the city of Albany, in Extra Session, on Wednesday the twenty-third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight. The Session continued from the twenty-third to the twenty-fourth day of April inclusive.



FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, President of Synod.

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. *From the Classis of New York.*

Rev. N. I. Marselus, Eli Baldwin, and Jacob Brodhead, D. D.
Elders, Abraham Van Nest, John I. Labagh, and Everardus Warner.

2. *Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. James B. Hardenbergh.
Elder Abraham A. Dumund.

3. *Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Gustavus Abeel, Staats Van Santvoord.

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4. *Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Jefferson Wynkoop, and Benjamin C. Taylor.

Elder David Benson.

5. *Classis of Long Island.*

Rev. William Crookshank and Henry Heermance.

Elder Singleton Mitchell.

6. *Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Peter Labagh.

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7. *Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. C. C. Cuyler,* C. D. Westbrook, and H. Vedder.

Elder Lawrence I. Van Kleeck.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., Robert Bronk,† and Jacob Van Vechten.

Elders, David Burhans, Abraham Van Vechten, and John Schuyler, Jun.

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Richard Sluyter, and A. Henry Dumont.

Elder Evert Van Allen.

* Obtained leave of absence on the morning of the *second* day of the Session.

† Resigned his seat to the *secundus*, the Rev. J. C. Boice, after the *first* day of the Session.

3. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Isaac S. Ketchum, Peter P. Rouse, and Abraham Van Horn.
Elder William Smith.

4. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. John H. Van Wagenen.
Elder Jacob Salisbury.

5. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. John B. Steele, James Murphy, and Jacob Van Vechten.
Elders, Jacob Switz, John Sanders, and Douw A. Fonda.

6. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

None appeared.

7. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. H. Ostrander.
Elder Samuel Wells.

8. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Isaac P. Labagh, and Cornelius Bogardus.
Elder Ira Lawrence.*

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, President.
Rev. Cornelius D. Westbrook, Adressor.
Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, and Benjamin C. Taylor, Clerks
pro tem.

* Took his seat on the *second* day of the Session. .

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

The application to the President for a Special Meeting of the General Synod, and the call of the President having been read, in the following words :—

“For the purpose of taking into consideration the case of L. B. Van Dyke, as represented by the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, at their meeting in the city of New York last fall. And also to consider the propriety of taking under their immediate care the Sunday School Association of the Reformed Dutch Church, recently formed in the city of New York.”

The following certified copy of the minutes of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church so far as they relate to the case of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke, was submitted :—

Extract from the Report prepared for General Synod by the Board of Superintendents, at their meeting in the city of New Brunswick, on the 11th day of July, 1827.

“Leonard B. Van Dyke, a member of the Senior Class, having expressed some difficulty in subscribing to the doctrines of the faith as taught in our standards, his case was first examined by a special committee, and afterwards by the whole Board. Whereupon the following resolutions were adopted : viz.—

“1. Whereas the mind of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke labours on several important doctrines, so that he cannot subscribe to the entire standards of the Church ; therefore,

“*Resolved*, That he cannot be recommended by this Board to the professors for their certificate. But,

“2. Whereas he has given a high degree of satisfaction to the Board by the praise-worthy candour manifested on the topics on which his

mind is not settled, and the attention paid to his studies : and whereas it is regarded as exceedingly desirable that the way should be opened for his admission into the ministry of our church ; therefore—

“ *Resolved*, That he be advised to continue in the institution, and pay a particular attention to the subjects alluded to.

3. “ *Resolved*, That should Mr. Van Dyke’s mind become settled on said subjects, and he desire to be heard again, that in that case the President of the Board be authorized to call a special meeting for the purpose of attending to his case.

JACOB BROADHEAD *President pro. tem.*
THOMAS M. STRONG, *Secretary.*

“ An extra meeting of the Board of Superintendents was held in the city of New York, on Thursday, November 1st, 1827.

“ The President stated that he had called the meeting in accordance with the request contained in the following letter from three members of the Board :—

‘ *New York, September 28th, 1827.*

‘ REV. JAMES V. C. ROMEYN, *President of the Board* }
‘ *of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary.* }

‘ Whereas at the last meeting of the Board of Superintendents, the student Leonard B. Van Dyke, was, upon examination, declared to be not entitled to a professoral certificate for licensure : and whereas the said Board did resolve that as soon as the said L. B. Van Dyke could subscribe the articles of faith, and the canons of the Reformed Dutch Church, the Board would meet in special session, and admit him to be entitled to the professoral certificate : and whereas the said L. B. Van Dyke has not only not declared himself ready to subscribe said articles, but has offered himself to a Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, and has been by them received as a licentiate : —Therefore, we the subscribers request you to call a meeting of the said Board, to convene in the city of New York, if this be admissible, or if not, in New Brunswick, at such time as you may judge proper, immediately after the expiration of the time in which notices of this kind must be given, to take into consideration the case of the said

Leonard B. Van Dyke, and all such subjects as are connected with it.

CORNELIUS D. WESTBROOK,
JACOB BRODHEAD,
WILLIAM C. BROWNLEE.'

"The minutes of the Board on the case of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke, at their session in New Brunswick, were read.

"The subject was discussed at considerable length, when it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That the consideration of the whole case before the Board, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Dr. Brownlee, C. D. Westbrook, S. A. Van Vranken, and P. Labagh.

"The Stated Clerk laid before the Board a written request which he had received from Mr. L. B. Van Dyke, for an attested copy of all the proceedings of the Board in his case. Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That his request be complied with.

"The committee on the case of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :—

'The committee to whom was referred the case of Mr. L. B. Van Dyke, recommend to the Board the adoption of the following resolutions—

'*Resolved*, That the student Mr. Leonard B. Van Dyke, is still considered by this Board as under their superintendence and care, he never having been dismissed by certificate ; but on the contrary, having been advised by the Board to remain in the Theological Seminary, until his mind should be finally settled and made correct, on those different points on which he has difficulties.

'*Resolved*, That Mr. Van Dyke, having without a regular dismissal or recommendation, and contrary to the advice and instructions of this Board. presented himself before the Presbytery of Columbia, and having taken license to preach the Gospel, has acted in a manner disorderly and unchristian-like.

'*Resolved*, That the Presbytery of Columbia, in licensing Mr. Van Dyke, without any certificate of dismissal or recommendation

from the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church has violated the second and fifth articles of correspondence between the Reformed Dutch Church and the Presbyterian Church : Therefore

Resolved, That this Board deem it highly improper and unsafe that Mr. Van Dyke be allowed to officiate in any of our churches.

Resolved That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Rev. the Moderator of the Presbytery of Columbia.

Resolved. That measures be taken by this Board, to bring this business before the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, and before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church ; unless the Presbytery of Columbia rescind their proceedings in the case of Mr. Van Dyke, and within three months duly advise the President of this Board that they have so done.

Resolved, That these resolutions be made known in a Circular addressed to our churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. BROWNLEE, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of this Board be authorized to draw up and issue the Circular above referred to.

Resolved That the Stated Clerk be authorized to prepare a copy of the whole proceedings of this meeting, to be laid before the General Synod.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Board adjourned, and was concluded with prayer.

JAMES V. C. ROMEYN, *President*.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Secretary*.

A true copy from the original minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk*.

Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the above communication be referred to a committee consisting of four ministers and three elders—and the following gentlemen were appointed, viz: The Rev. Messrs. H. Ostrander, C. Bogardus, E. Baldwin, and Wm. Crookshank, together with the Elders Messrs. A. Van Vechten, S. Mitchell, and E. Van Alen.

A communication from the Board of Managers of the "Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church," addressed to the General Synod. praying that they be received under the patronage and immediate control of Synod ; accompanied with a copy of the constitution of said institution, was read. Whereupon

Resolved. That it be referred to a Special Committee. consisting of four ministers and three elders. The following were appointed said Committee :—Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., N. I. Marselus, P. P. Rouse, C. D. Westbrook, and the Elders Messrs. David Burhans, L. I. Van Kleek, and Everardus Warner.

A remonstrance against the granting of the above application, signed by Superintendents. Secretaries, &c. of Sabbath Schools connected with the Reformed Dutch churches of the city of New York, was read, and on motion referred to the above Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Managers of the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church, and also the remonstrance of Superintendents, Secretaries, &c. of Sabbath Schools in the city of New York connected with the Reformed Dutch Church reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the request of the Board of Managers of the Sabbath School Union of the Reformed Dutch Church, lately organized by some members of said Church, in the city of New York, that the General Synod would recognize the institution as their Committee on Sabbath Schools, in the same manner as they have done in the case of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, and to grant it that patronage which shall be necessary for its support and prosperity, have directed their Chairman to report the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Committee it is inexpedient for the General Synod to legislate on the subject of this application.

J. LUDLOW, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

The Committee on the communication from the Board of Superintendents reported, and their report was accepted, considered by paragraphs, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the case of Mr. Leonard B. Van Dyke report the following recitals and resolutions for the adoption of the General Synod—

Whereas the Board of Superintendents of the Theological School of the Reformed Dutch Church is, according to the plan of that institution, subject to the supervision of the General Synod, and therefore accountable to Synod for all its measures, it behoves the Board in every case of doubt or difficulty to report the same to the General Synod for advice and ultimate decision : and whereas it appears from the report of the Board of Superintendents to this Synod, that at the examination of the students in the aforesaid school who had completed their theological course of study, Mr. Leonard B. Van Dyke, one of the said students, was regularly examined, and exhibited satisfactory evidence that his attainments in theological knowledge entitled him to a professoral certificate, to be admitted to an examination before the Classis to which he was attached, for licensure ; but that he entertained doubts relative to certain standing articles of faith of the Reformed Dutch Church, by reason whereof the said Board of Superintendents considered it their duty to withhold from him the said professoral certificate, until his said doubts should be removed ; and to that end advised him to continue in the institution, and pay particular attention to the points upon which he doubted, and accompanying that advice by a resolution that should Mr. Van Dyke's mind become settled upon the said points, the President of the said Board was authorized, upon his request, to call a special meeting of the Board to attend to his case, as by reference to so much of the said report as relates to Mr. Van Dyke's doubts, and the proceedings of the said Board relative thereto, (a copy whereof is hereto annexed) may more fully appear : Therefore *Resolved*, That this Synod approve the

course pursued by the said Board of Superintendents in withholding the professoral certificate from Mr. Van Dyke until his aforesaid doubts should be removed, or this Synod should have an opportunity to pass finally upon his case.

And whereas it further appears, by the report of the said Superintendents, that Mr. Van Dyke did not conform to their advice so as aforesaid given to him, but left the said school, and attached himself to the Presbytery of Columbia, in connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; and that the said Presbytery admitted him to an examination for licensure in the Presbyterian Church, and afterwards licensed him to preach the Gospel as a licentiate of the said Church: Therefore, *Resolved*. That certified copies of this and the preceding resolutions, with their recitals, be transmitted to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church for consideration, whether the aforesaid proceedings of the Presbytery of Columbia are conformable to the spirit and true intent of the articles of correspondence entered into by the General Assembly and this Synod, and to adopt such measures in relation thereto as the General Assembly shall deem proper in view of the circumstances of the case.

And whereas it further appears by the aforesaid report, that the Board of Superintendents, at an extra meeting held in November last. passed certain resolutions, and authorized a circular to be addressed to the Dutch churches in connexion with this Synod, arraigning the conduct of the Presbytery of Columbia, and menacing an appeal to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church unless the Presbytery of Columbia should within three months rescind their proceedings in the case of Mr. Van Dyke, and advise the President of the said Board of Superintendents thereof; (and admonishing the Dutch Churches not to allow Mr. Van Dyke to officiate in them :) and whereas the said Board of Superintendents, in their last mentioned resolutions and proceedings, have assumed powers which do not appertain to it, and in relation to matters which fall within the legitimate province of this Synod—Therefore *Resolved*, That this Synod feels constrained, by a just regard to its constitutional duty as the supreme ecclesiastical judicatory of the Reformed Dutch Church, to disavow the authority so assumed by the said Board of

Superintendents, and to express pointedly the disapprobation of this Synod of the last mentioned resolutions and proceedings of the Board of Superintendents.

H. OSTRANDER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That a certified copy of the proceedings of this Synod, in the case of Mr. Van Dyke, be transmitted to the Board of Superintendents.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

A bill for printing one hundred Synodical Circulars, amounting to \$2, and

The door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$2 44, were presented and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That on account of the departure of the President by leave of Synod, the Rev. C. D. Westbrook be President *pro tem.*, and as such sign the Minutes of Synod.

The Minutes having been read and approved Synod adjourned, and was concluded with prayer.

CORNELIUS D WESTBROOK *Pres't. pro tem.*

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, }
JAMES B. HARDENBERGH, } *Clerks.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

JOHN KNOX, *Stated Clerk.*

Acts and Proceedings

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America convened in the city of Albany on Wednesday the fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight. The Session continued from the fourth to the tenth day of June, inclusive.



FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, the President of the last General Synod; who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Solomon's Song vi. 10.

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. From the Classis of New York.

Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D., William M Murray, D. D., George Dubois.

Elders Isaac L. Kip, Samuel Delamater, John Clark.

2. *From the Classis of New-Brunswick.*

Rev. Jacob I. Schultz, George H. Fisher, and Isaac M. Fisher.

Elders Andrew Howel, Jacob R. Hardenbergh, and John M. Schenck.

3. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, and James V. C. Romeyn.*

Elder Ephraim Van Giezen.

4. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Benjamin C. Taylor, and John I. Christie.

Elders Christian Zabriskie, and Henry P. Kip.

5. *From the Classis of Long Island.*

Rev Jacob Schoonmaker and James Otterson.*

Elders Garrit Bergen, and Garrit Stryker.

6. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, Jacob C. Sears, and John Van Liew.

Elders Martin Wyckoff, and Peter La Tourette.

7. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. C. C. Cuyler William S. Heyer, and M. W. Dwight.

Elders Robert Forrest, Isaac A. Knevils,† and James Van Keuren.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. John Ludlow D. D., Robert Bronk, and Jeremiah Searle.

Elders Abraham Van Dyck, Abraham Van Vechten,‡ and John Schuyler, Jun.

* Took their seats on the *second* day of the Session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the Session.

‡ Mr. John J. Ostrander, a *secundus*, took the seat of Mr. Van Vechten on the *sixth* day of the Session.

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. A. H. Dumont, Asa Bennett, and Peter S. Wynkoop.*

Elders John De Fræst, Jun., William P. Heermance, and Teunis G. Snyder.†

3. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Abraham Van Horn, and Isaac S. Ketcham.‡

Elder Douw A. Fonda.

4. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. J. F. Morris.

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5. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. Paul Weidman, and John H. Van Wagenen.

Elder Nicholas Bogardus.§

6. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, and Henry Ostrander.||

Elders Jonathan Mills,¶ and John Snyder.||

7. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Corns. Bogardus, Jacob D. Fonda,** and Abraham I. Switz.

Elders Frederick G. Barringer, and Peter A. Quackenboss.

8. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, James Murphy, and Thomas Romeyn.

Elders Isaac Fonda, Jun., and Garrit Benson.††

* Rev. Jacob Sickels, a *secundus*, took his seat on the *fifth* day of the Session.

† Mr. Nicholas Harden, a *secundus*, took his seat on the *fifth* day of the Session.

‡ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the Session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the Session.

|| Took their seats on the *second* day of the Session.

¶ Obtained leave of absence on the *second* day of the Session.

** Rev. Isaac P. Labagh, a *secundus*, took the seat of Mr. Fonda on the *sixth* day of the Session.

†† Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of the Session, and his seat taken on the *fifth* day of Session by Peter Becker, his *secundus*.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker was chosen President.

Rev. Robert Bronk was chosen Adsector.

Rev. Jacob C. Sears, and George H. Fisher were chosen Clerks *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of Minutes.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Session of Synod was dispensed with, and those of the Extra Session of Synod in April last, were read.

 ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Orders and Rules.

These were read.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

The following Committees were appointed :—

On the Professorate.—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, C. C. Cuyler, and John Ludlow, D. D., and the Elders Abraham Van Vechten, and Martin Wyckoff.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. R. Bronk, J. D. Fonda, and J. Van Lieu, and the Elders Andrew Howell, and John De Fræst, Jun.

On Missions.—Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D., George Dubois, and Samuel Van Vechten, and the Elders Isaac L. Kip, and Christian Zabriskie.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, M. W. Dwight, and William S. Heyer, and the Elders Jacob R. Hardenbergh, and J. M. Schenck.

On Overtures.—Rev. William M. Murray D. D., James Murphy, and Paul Weidman, and the Elders Ephraim Van Giezen, and William P. Heermance.

On Finance.—Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, John Van Lieu, and the Elders J. R. Hardenbergh, Abraham Van Vechten, and John Schuyler, Jun.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Cornelius Bogardus, J. I. Schultz, and A. I. Switz, and the Elders Samuel Delamater, and John Clark.

Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn was afterwards added to said Committee, and appointed its Chairman, by request of its former Chairman.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

A communication from the Rev. John Knox, D. D., resigning the office of Stated Clerk of General Synod, was received and read; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the resignation of Dr. Knox be and hereby is accepted.

Resolved, That this Synod express their thanks to the Rev. John Knox, D. D., for his faithful services as their Stated Clerk.

Resolved, That the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor be requested to officiate as Stated Clerk of Synod during the present Session.

Resolved, That the Rev. Thomas M. Strong be and hereby is appointed the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

The following Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the Rev. General Synod, the Board of Superintendents present the following Report,

That pursuant to the resolution of the General Synod, the Board met in the city of New Brunswick on the 11th day of July, 1827. Reports were received from each of the Professors—The reports

represented the following young gentlemen as members of the Theological School.

Senior Class.—John McKelvy, James Stephenson, Edwin Holmes, Leonard B. Van Dyke.

Middle Class.—Robert P. Lee, James E. Quaw, Henry Raymond.

Junior Class.—Isaac D. Cole, James Demarest, Henry Mandeville, James Talmage, Cornelius L. Van Dyke, Charles P. Wack, James Beveridge.

Mr. Wack is a member of the German Reformed Church, and has been engaged in study from the commencement of the Theological year. Mr. Beveridge is a member of the Associate Reformed Church, and having entered in the advance of the year, was only examined on such studies as he had attended to.

The several classes were fully examined on three successive days on the subjects of their respective studies during the year, viz : The first class on Didactic, Polemic and Pastoral Theology, Church Government, Ecclesiastical History, the sacred Languages, Biblical Criticism, experimental religion, and their views in entering into the Gospel ministry. Mr. Holmes, according to the terms of the dispensation granted to him, was also examined on certain studies of the first year. They also exhibited public exercises on the evening of the first day of the examination, and specimens in the composition of sermons. The second class was examined on Didactic Theology, Hebrew and Greek Languages, Sacred Geography, Biblical Antiquities, and general principles of interpretation. The third class was examined on the Sacred Languages, Biblical Antiquities, Sacred Geography, and the Canon of Scripture.

The examination of Messrs. McKelvy, Stephenson, and Holmes, members of the first class, was sustained, and they were recommended for professoral certificates. The Board were much gratified with the whole examination. A great amount of labour has been performed by the Professors, and a very laudable proficiency has been made by the several classes, in the respective branches of study to which their attention has been called. The general aspect of the school is highly encouraging.

The Board remembering the sorrowful visitations which excited their grief at their last meetings, cannot fail to consider with no ordinary emotions of gratitude, that God has not permitted the destroyer

to enter the ranks of teachers or taught during the year. Comfortable health and uninterrupted progress have marked the course of the year, except in the case of Mr. Lee who in consequence of ill health has been compelled to refrain from the studies of the last session.

As it appears from the reports of the Professors of Biblical Literature and Ecclesiastical History &c. that the Students of the Junior Class have not a sufficiency of study to occupy their time by the course which was assigned to them, in the order which has been prescribed, therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to General Synod to alter the course of study of the first year or Junior Class, so as to add to the first year the History of the Old Testament, and so much of Pastoral Theology as relates to the composition and delivery of sermons.

Resolved, That General Synod be requested to alter the time of the annual examination of the Theological College from the second Wednesday in July to the Tuesday immediately preceding the Commencement in Rutgers College.

Whereas, it appears on the Minutes of General Synod of June, 1827, that Mr. J. G. Woodward, was represented as a member of this School, and a dispensation was granted to him for the former part of the current year; and whereas, it appears from a conference with the Professors that he has never been a member of the Theological School but has attended merely as an auditor, and has withdrawn himself from his attendance at recitations therefore *Resolved*, That he cannot be considered as entitled to the dispensation of General Synod, until their further order shall be had in the premises.

Whereas, our Theological College is now fully organized according to the original plan, by the appointment of three Professors, therefore *Resolved*, That General Synod be requested to organize a Theological Faculty for the government of the Theological School.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board,

JACOB BRODHEAD, *President, p. t.*

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Secretary.*

A communication was received from the Professors of the Theological Seminary, recommending Henry Morris, a student in the

Theological Seminary at New Brunswick. for a dispensation from Synod, of one year and two sessions, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate

A communication was received from Peter Gordon, praying to be taken under the patronage of General Synod, with a view to his entering into the Gospel ministry, and was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. William McMurray, D. D , John I. Christie, and A. Henry Dumont.

A communication was received from Aaron A. Marselus, a student of Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, praying for a dispensation for the first two sessions of the current year, which was referred to the Committee on Professorate.

A communication was received from the Executive Committee of the Education Society of Bergen Classis, recommending Jacob Ennis for aid from the funds of Synod, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from Mr. Cornelius Heyer, which was referred to the Board of Direction of the Corporation—to be filed.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, accompanied with an abstract of receipts and expenditures and the annual digest, were received and are as follows :—

The Board of Direction of the Corporation of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, respectfully submit to General Synod their annual report, as follows :—viz.,

The Board met for the transaction of business at an early period after their appointment, and have continued to meet monthly or oftener during the year. A Committee of Finance was appointed at their first meeting, in accordance with the fourth article of the By-

Laws. Isaac Young, the Treasurer of General Synod, having entered into bonds with two sureties approved by this Board in the sum of \$5000, entered on the duties of his office ; and was authorized by this Board to receive from the executors of the estate of Isaac Heyer deceased, the late Treasurer, and from Cornelius Heyer, the acting Treasurer after his decease, all the books, securities, and monies belonging to General Synod. The money so received will appear in his annual account, and the securities will be mentioned in a statement of the funds.

The Board having perceived that a beneficial result would arise by changing the time for taking up the collection for the Contingent Fund of General Synod, have changed the same from the first sabbath in January to the first sabbath in March.

The Board, in pursuance of the direction of General Synod, have secured the copy-right to the book of psalms, hymns, &c. and have had the same renewed according to law, for the term of fourteen years.

Shortly after their organization, a Committee of Inquiry was appointed, to examine whether monies heretofore invested on bond and mortgage, or otherwise, was properly and securely invested. The Committee have attended to that duty, and adopted the same measure as a standing rule of the Board, to be acted upon by a Committee to be annually appointed for that purpose at the first stated meeting after their appointment in every year.

The Board have created a new fund, entitled the "Indigent Students' Permanent Fund ;" and in compliance with a request contained in a letter from James Bogert, Jun., Esq , they have placed the sum of \$200, heretofore subscribed by him, to the account of that fund. As this will hereafter form a distinct item in our accounts, it would be a pleasing consideration, should the same meet the views and participate the bounty of many among those who consecrate a portion of their substance to God ; and who love to employ in his service the young and worthy, though destitute sons of the Church.

The Board have the pleasure to communicate to General Synod, that the Board of Trustees of Rutgers' College, acting in concert with this Board, and with a view to promote the harmony which so

happily exists between the two institutions and the best interests of both ; have recently assigned and transferred to General Synod, in due form of law, the several bonds and mortgages for monies invested by them as Trustees of General Synod, belonging to the Professorate Fund, amounting together to \$9750. The said bonds and mortgages are now in the hands of the Treasurer of this Board ; and he has been directed to transmit the same to Mr. Peter Spader of New Brunswick, and to authorize him to collect the interest monies as the same shall become due thereon, and remit the same to him. A particular statement of which bonds and mortgages, with the accounts of Mr. Spader, will accompany this report.

In June 1827, General Synod appointed two agents to sail for Holland with all convenient speed, and endeavour to accomplish the objects contemplated by them in their resolutions of the then last session on the subject ; and this Board were thereby directed to defray the necessary expenses of the agency. A communication was received by this Board in March last from the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, the President of General Synod, informing them of the consent of the Rev. John F. Schermerhorn to proceed on his mission to Holland in the month of May following. And they have also received *unofficial* information that the Rev. Peter Labagh has also accepted the said appointment ; but as official notice of the acceptance of only one had been received, and that so late ; and other difficulties arising in our minds on the subject, we have not acted in the premises, but respectfully beg leave to refer the same to General Synod for further instructions.

In the digest accompanying the last annual report, the Board stated that as no books of the late Treasurer of the distinct accounts of the second and third professorships had been found, they could not then therefore, more particularly report thereon ; since which time, from the accounts of the late Treasurer they have been enabled to make detailed accounts of the monies received and invested by him for the said two Professorships, an abstract of which is now submitted to Synod, with a statement of the balance due from the late Treasurer of General Synod, amounting to \$2328 41, which has been received by the present Treasurer from the executors of Isaac Heyer late treasurer.

This board also state to General Synod in reference to the legacy of Isaac Heyer deceased, devised by his last will and testament in the words following, viz.—“I give and bequeath to the treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, for the use of the said Seminary the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars.” That the same has been paid to the Treasurer of this Board by his executors. The Board respectfully refer the Synod to the Treasurer’s Annual Account, and such other documents as will be laid before them, which will, as far as in their power, exhibit a full statement of the funds and money concerns of General Synod.

Abstract of Receipts and Expenditures of General Synod, from 16th June, 1827, to 31st May, 1828, inclusive, extracted from the Treasurer’s Annual Account, herewith delivered.

RECEIPTS.								Dlls.	C.
On Account Subscriptions to 2d Professorship,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,475	75
“ “ 3d Professorship,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,872	84
Collections for Permanent Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	731	59
“ for Theological College, Interest, and I. Heyer’s Legacy, \$2,500,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,711	15
“ for Contingent Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195	61
“ for 25 Cents Donations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	271	41
“ for Minutes of General Synod,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	181	45
For Subscriptions, Indigent Students’ Permanent Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	00
For Dividends on Turnpike Stock,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	00
Received for Bonds paid off, Interest, and for other various miscellaneous sums which cannot be carried to any particular account,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,118	20
								32,678	00

PAYMENTS.								Dlls.	C.
Amount paid for Money Loaned, Professors’ Salaries, Repairs of Rutgers’ College, and all claims and demands made upon General Synod during the above period. See particulars in Treasurer’s Annual Account,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,682	04
Balance in Bank, which belongs to the Professors’ Permanent Fund of General Synod, (subject to the payment of Professors’ Salaries) and to be invested without delay,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,995	96
								32,678	00

ANNUAL DIGEST, 1828.

The Board of Direction of the Corporation of General Synod, submit their Annual Digest as follows, viz :

I. *The Van Benschoten Fund.*

The amount of this Fund was, on the first day of April last, as reported by Mr. Peter Spader, the Deputy Treasurer of Rutgers' College, and which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgages in the State of

New Jersey,	\$17,541 82	
Balance in the hands of the Deputy Treasurer, . . .	71 51	
Interest due on 1st May last, not collected, . . .	1,058 95	
This Fund has increased the past year, by making so much of the Interest Principal,	408 00	

There was paid to Indigent Students during the past year out of this fund, \$1220 50.

II. *Legacy of the late Miss Rebecca Knox.*

The amount of this fund is \$2,000, due from the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

On which there was a balance of interest in the hands of

the Treasurer of Rutgers' College, 1st April last, . . .	\$7 98	
One year's interest received this year, due Jan. 1, 1828, . . .	120 00	
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Paid Indigent Students past year,	\$90 00	
Paid postage of a letter,	12	90 12
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Balance,	37 86	

III. *Professoral Fund, late in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers' College, transferred to General Synod.*

Secured by Bond and Mortgage on Real Estate in the

State of New Jersey,	\$9,750 00	
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Received for interest during past year to 1st

April, 1828,	\$610 75	
Balance due Treasurer per last account	58 22	668 97
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Paid on account of Professor De Witt's salary,	587 50	
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Paid one year's salary to Deputy Treasurer,	25 00	
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Balance in hands of Deputy Treasurer 1st April, 1828,	56 47	668 97
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Interest due 1st May, 1828,	507 50
Balance due 20th April, 1828, in hands of Deputy Treasurer, Rutgers' College,	247 97

IV. *Indigent Students' Fund.*

The sum of \$90 has been paid by Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer of the Collegiate Churches in New York, for money received by him from Daniel D. Smith, for license to print an edition of Psalms and Hymns.

This fund is a debtor to General Synod in a sum exceeding \$1000.

V. *Indigent Students' Permanent Fund.*

James Bogert, Jun. has paid \$200 towards commencing this Fund.

VI. *Permanent Fund.*

Under this head are included all the monies which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Second and Third Professorships, as well as the monies formerly composing this fund.

Loaned on Bond secured by Mortgages,	\$35,600
Professoral Funds late in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers' College, transferred to General Synod,	9,750
Six per Cent Stock of the State of New York,	800
Six per Cent Stock of the Corporation of New York,	700
In hands of Treasurer to be invested immediately, (say)	6,500
Twenty Shares Bergen Turnpike Stock, valued at,	500
Four Shares Albany and Schenectady Turnpike Stock, valued at,	240
A note of hand, balance of subscription,	100
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	54,190

VII. *Collections in the Churches.*

During the past year there has been received from this source,—

For the Permanent Fund,	\$731 59
„ Contingent Fund,	195 61
„ Twenty-five Cent Donations,	271 41
Other collections for the Theological College,	361 15

VIII. *Cent Societies.*

The receipts from these during the past year have been from the Female Cent Society of the Collegiate Churches in New York only, for the Permanent Fund, \$63.

IX. *Minutes of General Synod.*

There has been received for Minutes during the past year, \$181 45
And paid for Paper and Printing Minutes, 119 30

X. *Contingent Fund.*

Since the last report there has been received on account
of this Fund, \$195 61

This Fund is a debtor to General Synod exceeding \$1000.

In concluding this Report the Board feel themselves constrained to express their unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God, for the general health bestowed upon them. Some interruptions have indeed occurred, but not such as to impede the progress of our duties. If our humble labours have added an item to the prosperity of Zion, it corresponds with our ardent prayers.

HENRY RUTGERS, *President.*

ISAAC L. KIP,

CORNELIUS HEYER, } *Directors.*

WM. M. MURRAY,

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New York, June 2, 1828.

Resolved, That so much of the above report and documents as refer to the Mission to Holland, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence, and that the remainder of the report and documents be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. Brodhead, D. D., W. Eltinge, and Elder John Clark be a committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons who constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

The Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation : when Mr. Henry Rutgers was chosen President, Messrs. Isaac L. Kipp, Cornelius Heyer, and Rev. William M. Murray, D. D. Directors, and Mr. Isaac Young, Treasurer.

Mr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh having submitted to individuals of the Board of Direction, certain claims to a very considerable amount, which he has against General Synod for monies paid by him for repairs of Rutgers' College, as per an acknowledgement of Peter Spader, dated 21st May, 1828, that he had received of Mr. Hardenbergh at different times, the sum of \$1035,25, which has been expended by him as one of the Committee of Repairs of the College, and credited in his account rendered 8th June, 1826 : and also, the sum of \$626,40, paid by him to Mr. L. Carman. for a balance due him from General Synod, dated 2d August. 1826,—

Resolved, That it be referred to the Board of Direction, to inquire into and state the accounts of Mr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh with the General Synod, in relation to monies paid by him for repairs, &c. to Rutgers' College, and what monies or balance, if any, is due to him, and that they report thereon, at the next stated meeting of General Synod.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

The Rev. Elias W. Crane, and Mr. Ananias Platt, a ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of their appointment by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, took their seats as corresponding members of the Synod.

The Rev. Messrs. John H. Smaltz and James R. Reily, of the German Reformed Church appeared, presented several copies of the minutes of the last session of the German Synod, and took their seats as corresponding members of Synod.

Resolved, That the Rev. William M. Murray, D. D. and the Elder Isaac L. Kip be delegates *primarii*, and James M. Matthews D. D. and the Elder Dr. John Clark, be delegates *secundi*, to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, That the Rev. C. C. Cuyler and Jacob I. Shultz be delegates *primarii* and Gilbert R. Livingston and John Ludlow, D. D. be delegates *secundi*, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The following report was received from one of the members appointed by this Synod to attend the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod.

The undersigned your corresponding delegate to the Reformed German Synod, begs leave to report to General Synod, that according to appointment, he attended the meeting of the Reformed German Synod at Yorktown, in Pennsylvania, in October last, was courteously welcomed and affectionately received by said body, and attended to the duties of their appointment.

WILHELMUS ELTINGE.

The Committee on correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows ;—

The Committee on Correspondence report,

That a correspondence between the Reformed Dutch Church in Holland and in the United States of America has been maintained from the time that the Churches in this country were organized, by the establishment of regular ecclesiastical Judicatories. That through the commotions, which in the Providence of God took place in the land of our forefathers, this correspondence was interrupted. On the part of this Synod, the suspension of the correspondence was a subject of deep regret to the Synod ; and they continued until the year 1819, to transmit the usual communications ; but receiving nothing in return, it has been entirely dropped.

In consequence of the re-establishment of order both in church and state in Holland, from recent information there is encouragement to hope that the correspondence may be renewed. We all feel an interest and a strong desire for such renewal.

The former correspondence having been carried on between the Particular Synod of New York and the Synod of North Holland, through the medium of the Classis of Amsterdam, a General Synod constituted of delegates appointed by the Particular Synods, and

meeting annually at the Hague, forming a body similar to the General Synod in America :—the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz.

Resolved. That a copy of the minutes of this session of the General Synod be transmitted to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in the Netherlands, addressed to the President thereof, and directed to the care of some known minister or other person, in whom confidence may be reposed for its safe delivery.

2. *Resolved,* That the Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn and Gerardus Kuypers, D. D. be a committee to draft a kindly letter to the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in the Netherlands, to be signed by the President of this Synod, and transmitted in the same manner, expressive of the wishes of this Synod to revive the correspondence, and inviting their co-operation.

J. V. C. ROMEYN, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the agency to Holland be discontinued.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk furnish annually to General Synod of the German Reformed Church, twelve copies of the minutes of this body, for their use.

The following report was received from one of the delegates appointed to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church :

The undersigned begs leave respectfully to report to the General Synod,—

That having been notified by the *primarius* Clerical delegate, to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at their late sessions, he did attend accordingly, and was duly recognized as your representative.

The subject referred to the Assembly by your reverend body, in relation to one of their presbyteries licensing a young gentleman who was formerly a student at your Theological Seminary, was considered ; but as I have not been furnished with a copy of their proceedings in the case, I presume some other mode has been adopted to transmit to Synod the result of their doings.

I have in my possession twenty-five copies of the “Assembly’s Digest,” which the General Assembly have made a donation to the

Theological College ; by the first favourable conveyance, I will send them to New Brunswick.

G. R. LIVINGSTON.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.

In pursuance of a previous resolution, the Synod spent the evening of the sixth day of the session as a season of special prayer, when the report of the Committee on the State of Religion was read.

The Committee on the State of Religion brought in their report, which being amended was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to present the following statement, derived from a careful consideration of the information with which they have been furnished. Your Committee view with heart-felt satisfaction, manifest evidences of the increasing prosperity of that section of the church of Jesus Christ to which we particularly belong. A strong attachment is clearly perceived on the part of ministers and people, to our canons, confession of faith, catechisms, and the grand principles of our church government. We consider correctness of religious sentiment not indeed as the whole of religion, but as a very important and essential part ; and we must believe it to be both a duty and a privilege, to hold fast the form of sound words delivered to us by our forefathers, and derived from the holy scriptures.

As a denomination, we are certainly acquiring gradually and continually more strength and respectability. Our literary and theological institutions are gaining the confidence of the civil and religious community ; the funds necessary for their support are increasing ; weak congregations are built up, through the care and assistance of our Missionary Society, so as to be enabled to support the ministry of the Gospel themselves ; and new congregations are organized, and houses of worship reared up in connexion with our reformed Zion.

A strong impulse seems to have been communicated to our affairs, which is rendered more and more operative. A general conviction prevails among ministers and people, that something more must be done both for our church in particular, and the church of Christ in

general. A spirit of inquiry and munificence is increasing. There seems to be a growing desire to stem the tide of licentiousness and immorality, which defaces and desolates as it proceeds ; a desire which begins to prompt to decided, systematic, and persevering effort.

The young men who issue from our Theological Seminary, manifest a spirit of enterprise, self-denial and activity. If we may judge from their movements, the inquiry is,—where can we be most useful to the church ? Where can we most advance the interests of our Divine Master ? Who does not perceive the necessity of the increase of such a spirit, in order to the growth and prosperity of our church. Without it our other advantages are nothing ; the harvest may be abundant, but others will gather it in.

Some of our churches have experienced a pleasing season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. And while in the others there is nothing which is very special, yet it is pleasing to discover that the Lord Jesus does walk in the midst of his golden candlesticks. More or less are continually gathered into the fold. There is an attention to instituted ordinances. The gospel is faithfully preached, the young are carefully indoctrinated, and a spirit of prayer is in exercise. We should be pleased to see more, but we cannot avoid being thankful for this.

But the church in her best state in this world is imperfect, and there is much room for improvement.

A more perfect union of fervency of spirit and zeal for God's glory, with correctness of sentiment in matters of religion, is very desirable.

Professors of religion are manifestly under the influence of a worldly spirit in too great a degree ; and they seem too often to forget the obvious truth, that the gold and the silver are the Lord's, and that they are acting in the situation of stewards, who must render an account of their stewardship.

We still hear complaints from every quarter, of the awful profanation of God's holy sabbath, and of the ravages produced by intemperance, notwithstanding the efforts which have been made, and are still making, to check the progress of these destructive vices.

There is cause then, for deep self-abasement and sorrow on our part before God, but none for discouragement or despondency. Jehovah Jesus is in the midst of us, our glory and our protection ; and when our souls are cast down within us, let us adopt the language of

the Psalmist :—" I said, this is my infirmity, but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High." Let us wait upon the Lord, and he will renew our strength ; he will make us to mount upon wings, as eagles, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. Let us remember there remaineth yet much land to be possessed. We have but just buckled on our armour ; but we follow a tried commander, and victory will necessarily perch upon our standard.

Although our church is peculiarly near to us, we cannot avoid taking a view of the different denominations of Christians composing the church of Jesus Christ, in general. We must regard them as different phalanxes enlisted under the same Captain of Salvation, carrying the same standard, engaged in the same cause, and aiming at the same grand end. We rejoice with them in their prosperity, and sympathise with them in their adversity. We cannot avoid rejoicing in revivals of religion, because we see in them the arm of the Lord made bare and stretched out for the deliverance of ruined immortals, although in consequence of the infirmity and corruption of human nature, some imprudencies and extravagancies do sometimes attend them. We believe the kingdom of Christ, both at home and abroad, to be rapidly advancing ; and we look forward with gladness to the period when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ.

Your Committee have taken into consideration the instructions of General Synod relating to the profanation of the Sabbath, and the prevalence of intemperance. They deem the matter of great importance, and beg leave to recommend the following resolution for adoption :—

Resolved, That this Synod rejoice in the efforts that have lately been made in behalf of the due public observance of the Lord's day, and that they recommend the union lately formed in the city of New York, to the prayers and co-operation of the several classes and congregations under their jurisdiction.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GABRIEL LUDLOW.

The following is the Statistical Report of the respective classes :—

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
New York	G. A. Kuypers J. Knox W. C. Brownlee Thomas Dewitt	400	2000	843	18	13	10	1	6	858	43	3
North West	George Dubois	220	1200	534	8	17	11	1	11	525	36	1
Greenwich	N. I. Marselus	170	900	210	16	22	3		2	243	34	3
Broome Street	J. Brodhead	140		129						169	35	1
Houston Street	Eli Baldwin	100	500	125	12	10	15	2		130	9	12
Bloomingdale	A. Gunn											
Haerlem	C. C. Vermeule	95		46	1	10			1	56	11	6
Fordham	J. F. Jackson	57		32	1	6			3	36	16	1
Tarrytown	T. G. Smith	87		140		4	2	1		144	16	2
Staten Island	P. I. Van Pelt	211	847							178	34	1
African Church												

Ministers without charges.—Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook, Samuel B. How, R. C. Shimeall, Isaac Labagh.

Licentiates.—Joshua Boyd, Mark Jordan, a coloured man.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Garden Street	J. M. Mathews	210	1050	369	4	37	2		2	404	31	2
Market Street	W. McMurray	250	1200	335	2	17	6	3	8	337	13	2
Tompkinsville	J. E. Miller	50	250	35		5	3			37	5	
Courtlandtown	A. Hoffman											
Orchard Street	No Pastor.	109		54	12	30				96	10	7

Ministers without charges.—Rev. James H. Teller, David S. Bogart, and Alexander Denham.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.
New Brunswick	J. B. Hardenbergh	320		279	13	17	19	1				50	6
Raritan	R. D. Vankleek	251	1654	358	19	9	13	6	5	362	33	4	
Hillsborough	John L. Zabriskie												
Six Mile Run	James Romeyn												
Bedminster	Isaac M. Fisher	200	1200		5	5	4	6	2	250	21		
North Branch	George H. Fisher												
Lebanon and }		122	732	106	3	4	4		2	107	13	1	
Rockaway }	Jacob I. Schultz	65	390	86	2	3			1	90	15		
Spotswood	Henry L. Rice	90			11	18	1	1	1	65	24	13	
Freehold	S. A. Van Vranken												
Middletown	J. T. B. Beekman	95					9			57	6	2	
Walpack	Isaac S. Demund				2	5			3	52	29	3	
Minissink and }				123		8	4	1	4	122	11	3	
Mahakkamak }	Cornelius C. Elting			107		12	4	2		113	14	3	

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		In Communion per last Report.	Communicants.					Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.		Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Bergen		170	710	206	3	5	1	4	7	206		
E.Neighbourhood	Gustavus Abeel	150	692	60	2	2	4		2	59	11	
Hacksack & } Schraalenberg }	J. V. C. Romeyn	89		112	1	3			10	106	13	
Belleville	S. Van Santvoord	141		160		5	2		8	158	22	
Stonehouse Plains	John G. Tarbell											
Fairfield												
Montville												
Pompton Plains	Ava Neal	170	1100	111							21	
Pompton												
Ponds	Z. H. Kuypers	66	362		2	14				41	20	
Preakness		54	263		2	5				41	17	1
Wyckoff		78	457		3	11				52	16	

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Tappan	N. Lansing		568		4			3	1	133	17	
Clarkstown	do.		774			2	5	3	2	168	15	
Saddle River	S. Goetschius											
Pasgack	do.											
Paramus	W. Eltinge	170	1050	232		7	3			236	25	
Totowa	do.	170	1100	129	1	5	1			134	20	1
Warwick	J. I. Christie	60		77	1		3		3	72	4	
Ackquachinunck	B. C. Taylor	180	1190	168		16	4		4	176	31	1
West N. Hempstead	J. Wynkoop								3	69	11	
Ramapo	do.										8	
Hackensack & Schraalenberg	Vacant											

CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Gravesend	Vacant											
Brooklyn	Vacant	90		98	7	3	6		3	99	12	
New Utrecht	John Beattie											
Flatlands	W. Crookshank	80										
New Lots	do.	80										
Flatbush	Thomas M. Strong	80	650	108	4	2			1	113	7	
Bushwick	Stephen H. Meeker	70		90	3	7				100	12	
Newtown	Jacob Schoonmaker	84	580	91	2	2	3		1	91	11	
Jamaica	do.	120	800	107		2			1	108	22	
Success	Vacant											
North Hempstead	James Otterson											
Oysterbay	do.											

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		In Communion per last Report.	Communicants.						Bapt.	
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total of the Con- gregation.		Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.
					On Certificate.	On Confession.						
First R. D. Phil.	G. R. Livingston	300	1150	450	2	28	15	6	6	462	22	2
Second R. D. do.	J. C. Sears	97	550	55	12	20	5	1		87	10	8
Harlingen	P. Labagh	151	906			7	2		1	205	23	1
New Shannack	G. Ludlow	180	906		3	9	2	1	3	141	24	1
North and South Hampton	Jacob Larzalere	82	492		1		3		4	72	8	
North Branch	J. Van Lieuw	240	1460		5	11		2			49	

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
					On Certificate.	On Confession.						
Poughkeepsie	C. C. Cuyler			327	4	9	6	1	8	325	28	2
Fishkill	C. D. Westbrook											
Fishkill Landing	W. S. Heyer	70	350	87	1	7	2			93	6	3
Linlithgow	E. Holmes			108		3	1	3	1	106	8	
Red Hook	A. N. Kittle			107		3	9	1	3	97	18	
Rhinebeck	G. W. Bethune	185	1050	175		5	3		6	169	23	
Hopewell	Vacant											
New Hackensack	M. W. Dwight	120		149		2	1		1	149	3	
Greenbush	H. Vedder											
Taghkanick	do.											
Hyde Park	F. H. Vanderveer			78	1	3		1	2	79	11	2
Kingston	J. Gosman	280	1750	367	2	7	3	2	5	366	48	3

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants							Bapt.	
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.
Church of Albany	John Ludlow											
2d Ch. of Albany	J. Ferris	221	1300	238	10	21	1	1	4	264	15	5
Coxsackie	J. Searle				2	1	7	9	6	485	43	
Washington and Gibbonsville }	R. Bronk	78	370	66	1		5			62	4	
Bethlehem	S. Kissam	140	900	260	3	2			2	263	10	1
Coeymans	Do.	80	500			2	1	1	2		5	
Jerusalem	No Pastor	45	225			2	1		3	35	8	
Salem	J. C. Boice											
Union	Do.											
Westerlo	A. Fort											

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Kinderhook	J. Sickels	206			12	84	10	3		463	47	3
Claverack	R. Sluyter	235	1429	434	4	6	3	2	3	436	35	
Catskill	I. N. Wyckoff	223	1299		1	4		10		170	32	
Nassau	No Pastor				1	3	5				20	
Schodack												
Ghent	P. S. Wynkoop	98		153	1	15	1	2	2	166	4	2
Hillsdale	Vacant											
Stuyvesant												
Athens	C. Van Cleef	70			3	34						
Greenbush	A. H. Dumont	150		180	2		1	3	1		14	
Blooming-grove	Do.	50		71	5	3		15	2		8	1

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
New Paltz	W. R. Bogardus	204	1312	161	112				4	170	38	3
New Hurley	Do.	160	960	131	110				2	140	22	1
Saugerties	H. Ostrander	200	1200	227	211				8	232	33	2
Bloomingburgh	S. Van Vechten	120	60	72	3	6	5		1		14	3
Rome	Do.	40	200	20								
Shawangunk	A. D. Wilson	240	1670	143		9	3			151	29	1
New Prospect	Do.	73	490	67	2	5				74	8	
Flatbush	P. A. Overbagh	129				9			7	182	37	
Esopus	B. Van Keuren	200	1000		1	18			1		12	3
Marbletown	C. Z. Paulison				5	15					13	
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	94	472	69	2					72	11	1

No Reports were presented from the churches of Hurley, Bloomingdale, Clove, Rochester, Warwarsing, Montgomery, Woodstock, and Hoboken.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Owasco	C. Ten Eyck	120							1	129	10	
Sand Beach	Vacant	80			3	2				68	8	
Ovid	A. Messler	89			23	33	4	1	6	101	51	2
Six Mile Creek	G. Mandeville				2	7				48		
Cato	Vacant	34	172		9	9				18	7	2

Ministers without a charge, Rev. A. Yates, D. D., Rev. J. A. Yates, and Rev. J. F. Morris.

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Broom	W. Paige											
Blenheim	Do.											
Oak Hill	S. Ostrander	80	400	63			2	2	1	58	21	
Schoharie	P. Weidman			150								
Root	J. R. H. Hasbrouck											
Beaver-Dam	J. H. Van Wagenen	308	1714		4	15	10	6	2	185	28	2
Middleburgh	J. Garretson											

The following churches are vacant, and no Report was presented in relation to them, viz: Windham, Roxbury, Sharon, New Rhinebeck, Summit, Cobleskill, Schoharie Mountain, and Breakabin. The Rev. John F. Schermerhorn is without a charge.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Schenectady	J. Van Vechten	200	1200	316	13	10	2	2	2	209	36	
Niskeuna	J. M'Kelvy	109	599	120	1	2	1			117	5	
Amity	Do.	75	407	60			2				1	
Helderbergh	R. J. Blair	148	740	147	1	20	1	1	4	158	13	
1st Ch. Glenville	E. Slingerland	153	883	124	1	6	7	2		124	10	1
2d Ch. Glenville	Jas. Murphy	100	600	68	1	13	2			79	5	1
Boght	J. B. Steele	80	500									

No Reports were exhibited from the churches of Princeton, Rotterdam, and 2d Church of Rotterdam. The Rev. Thomas Romeyn is without a charge.

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully report, that they find on the Minutes of the different Synods, the following subjects claiming the attention of this Synod—

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, the following resolutions, dividing the Classis of New York, and constituting a new Classis within its bounds ;—viz.

“ 1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to divide the Classis of New York.

“ 2. *Resolved*, That the churches of Cortlandtown, Market street, Orchard street, Garden street, and Tompkinsville, together with their pastors, and Messrs. Teller, Denham, and Bogart, ministers without charges, be constituted a new Classis, to be denominated the South Classis of New York.”

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, they find,

1. A recommendation from the Consistory of the church of Beavertdam, in behalf of Elihu Doty, a member of said church, belonging to the Classis of Schoharie, sanctioned by that Classis, and forwarded by the Particular Synod that the said Elihu Doty may be received by the General Synod as a beneficiary, to be aided from the charity funds of our church.

2. The following preamble and resolutions, having in view a revision of our rules and articles of church government, viz.

“ Whereas the rules of church government, together with the explanatory articles, are found in many respects very illy calculated to promote the correct and useful administration of the government and discipline of the church. Therefore,

“ *Resolved*, That the Particular Synod of Albany deem it highly expedient that there should be an entire revision of the Rules and Articles of Church Government of the Reformed Dutch Church.

“ *Resolved*, That General Synod be respectfully requested to take into consideration the subject of the above resolution.

By Order of the Committee.

R. BRONK, *Chairman*.”

Resolved, That so much of the report as refers to Elihu Doty, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Overtures reported, and their report was accepted and is as follows :—

The Committee on Overtures report that nothing has come before them claiming the attention of Synod.

WM. M'MURRAY, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

The following resolution, relative to the revision of the rules and articles of Church Government, as requested by the Particular Synod of Albany, and referred to by the Committee on Synodical Minutes in their report, was introduced, and after discussion, it was decided in the *negative* ; viz.—

Resolved, That it is expedient to appoint a committee to revise the rules and articles of Church Government.

The *Ayes* and *Nays* being called for were ordered to be recorded, and are as follows :

Ayes.—Messrs W. M'Murray, G. Dubois, S. Delamater, J. Otter-son, G. Ludlow, J. Van Liew, M. Wyckoff, P. La Tourette, C. C. Cuyler, W. S. Heyer, M. W. Dwight, R. Forrest, J. A. Knevils, J. Van Keuren, J. Ludlow. A. Van Dyke, A. Van Vechten, J. Schuy-

ler, Jun., Asa Bennett, A. H. Dumont, P. S. Wynkoop, Theunis G. Snyder, J. F. Morris, P. Weidman, S. Van Vechten, H. Ostrander, J. D. Fonda, J. Van Vechten—23.

Nays.—Messrs. J. Brodhead, I. L. Kip, J. Clark, Isaac M. Fisher, Jacob I. Shultz, G. H. Fisher, Andrew Howell, Jacob R. Hardenbergh, John M. Schenck, Staats Van Santvoord, J. V. C. Romeyn, Ephraim Van Giezen, W. Eltinge, B. C. Taylor, J. I. Christie, C. Zabriskie, H. P. Kip, Garrit Bergen, Garrit Stryker, J. C. Sears, A. Van Horn, Dow A. Fonda, J. H. Van Wagenen, N. Bogardus, J. Snyder, C. Bogardus, A. I. Switz, F. Barringer, P. Quackenboss, J. Murphy, T. Romeyn, J. Fonda, Jun.—32.

ARTICLE X.

Doctrine and Morals.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

Customs and Usages.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers' College.

The following report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers' College was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate ;—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers' College respectfully report,—

That since their last official communication, the progress of the Institution has equalled their most sanguine expectations. They have had the pleasure of attending its first Annual Commencement ; when

the five young gentlemen composing the senior class, (who had completed the course of study prescribed in our statutes and had distinguished themselves for their moral and religious deportment, as well as for their diligence and proficiency in the different branches of education to which their attention had been called,) appeared before a very numerous and respectable audience ; and after having performed the parts assigned them, received the honours awarded by the Faculty and Trustees. The President closed the exercises of the day, with a highly appropriate address. It is believed that the character of this Anniversary was such, as to reflect credit upon those by whom it was conducted, and to be of lasting benefit to the Institution.

As the second Annual commencement is at hand, the Board would respectfully suggest, that it is desirable for as many of the Clergy and Laity of the Church to attend, as can possibly make it consist with their convenience. It has a happy effect upon all the operations of the College, to see her friends collect from the north and south, on such an occasion, to witness her progress and prosperity. It inspires the youth with laudable ambition, and encourages the hearts, and strengthens the hands of those who are appointed to instruct them.

Three of the young gentlemen who were graduated last July, are now pursuing the study of Divinity in our Theological Seminary ; which number we trust is but the first fruits of that glorious harvest the Church will yet gather from her literary institution.

During the month of November last, Doctor Adrain accepted a call presented to him by the University of Pennsylvania. We are happy to state, however, (and it is with gratitude to Him who has ever encompassed us with his favour, as with a shield,) that in less than six weeks from the time of his removal, the Trustees were enabled to supply his place with the presence and active services of Theodore Strong, A. M. Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in Hamilton College. The reputation of this gentleman in the literary world, gave the Board perfect freedom in their choice : and his past success, as well as the present estimation in which he is held in his new situation, prove their election to have been most judicious and fortunate.

The General Synod having given the Superintendents authority, under certain circumstances, to employ a tutor, and Mr. Strong being

willing to discharge the duties contemplated by the appointment of such an officer, they have availed themselves of his services ; inasmuch as the expense is considerably less than would have been incurred by the appointment of an additional instructor.

The whole number of students now in the College is 72 ; of whom 20 are Seniors, 22 are Juniors. 20 are Sophomores, and 10 are Freshmen. And in relation to its state during the past year, the Superintendents cannot express themselves in language which better conveys their sentiments, than in that used by the Faculty in their report to the Board ; viz. “ The Institution has been blessed, during the past year, with the prevalence of general good health among its officers and students. The moral deportment of the students, so far as it has fallen under the observation of the Faculty, has been generally good. Two regular volunteer meetings for prayer are held weekly in the College. A considerable number in each class have distinguished themselves by extraordinary diligence and proficiency in their studies, and have thus rendered themselves worthy of high commendation.”

In addition to this, the Board feel that they would not discharge their duty, did they not bear the most honourable testimony to the faithful, able and successful manner in which our much esteemed and venerable President superintends the important interests committed to his care. And the merit of those who are associated with him is universally acknowledged.

A very considerable addition has lately been made to the philosophical apparatus ; and the articles purchased have been so selected, as may perhaps suffice for the present, to answer the ends intended.

The Board, from their own conviction of its importance, as well as in consequence of the earnest recommendation of the Faculty, would respectfully suggest to the Synod the propriety of adopting such measures immediately, as will be efficient to enlarge the Library. For the want of many books, both literary and theological, both departments labour under great disadvantages. It is therefore hoped that this matter will be taken into early and serious consideration by the Synod, and that the deficiency will soon be supplied.

The Superintendents have lately revised the Statutes of the College, and had a new edition printed, embracing all the alterations and

improvements which have been made both in the course of studies, and in the laws. A number of copies of the new statutes are herewith presented to Synod.

In this statement which the Board have given of the past, and view which they have presented of the daily rising prosperity of our beloved Institution, they feel persuaded that the Synod will see enough to inspire them with gratitude, and to excite them to be always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as they know that their labour has not been in vain in the Lord.

CHARLES SMITH,	} <i>Superintendents of Rutgers' College.</i>
C. L. HARDENBERGH,	
JAMES B. HARDENBERGH,	
ABRAHAM VAN NEST,	
JOHN KNOX,	
ISAAC L. KIP,	

New Brunswick, N. J. June 2, 1828.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

Whereas a number of alterations have taken place in the plan of the Theological School since its adoption in 1812; and whereas it is desirable that all the acts of General Synod affecting the plan and government of the theological school should be collected together: Therefore,

Resolved, That Rev C. C. Cuyler, and W. M. Murray, D. D., be a Committee for that purpose.

The Committee reported, their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of collecting the rules and orders of General Synod which affect the plan and government of the Theological School passed since 1812, report—

That they find acts relating to the subject, recorded in the minutes herein after referred to: viz.—In the minutes of October and November, 1813, page 36; in the minutes of 1816, page 31; in minutes of 1819, pages 40 and 41; in minutes of 1820, page 69;

in minutes of 1822, page 63, resolution 9 ; in minutes of 1823, page 54 ; in minutes of 1824, page 56, resolutions 18 and 19 ; September 1825, pages 17, 26.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. C. CUYLER, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That such alterations in the plan of the Theological College as have been made by the above recited acts, be inserted in their proper place in the plan adopted in 1812 ; and that the plan so amended be inserted in the minutes of the present session.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows :—

The Committee on the Professorate beg leave to submit for the consideration of General Synod the following report—

The diversified subjects referred to your Committee are contained in the annual reports of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary ; of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College ; of the Board of Direction of the Corporation of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church ; in the Treasurer's annual account, accompanied with its digest ; and in certain papers containing applications of students for aid and dispensations.

1st. Those subjects contained in the annual report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary. From said report it appears, in the language of the Board, “that the general aspect of the school is highly encouraging.” In relation to the course of study, the Board recommend to General Synod to alter the course of study of the first year, or Junior class, so as to add to the first year, the history of the Old Testament and so much of Pastoral Theology as relates to the composition and delivery of sermons. On this subject your Committee recommend for the adoption of Synod the following resolution :

Resolved, That the course of study of the first year or Junior class, be altered in conformity with the said recommendation of the Board. With regard to the changing the time of the annual examination of the Theological College, your Committee recommend the following resolution for the consideration of Synod :—viz.

Resolved, That the time of the annual examination of the Theological College be altered from the second Wednesday in July, to the Thursday immediately following the commencement in Rutgers' College.

In relation to the request of the Board for the organization of a Theological Faculty for the government of the Theological School, your Committee are of opinion that it would not comport with that equality among the Professors contemplated by the plan of your Theological Seminary ; nor would it be conducive to harmony among your Professors.

2dly. Those subjects embraced in the annual report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers' College, next claimed the attention of your Committee. From said communication it appears that the progress of the institution has equalled the most sanguine expectations of the Board. In relation to efficient means for the desired enlargement of the library, solicited by the Board, your Committee would recommend the following resolution, viz. :

Resolved, That we deem the increase of our library of great importance to the prosperity of the Literary and Theological institutions, and therefore should request the ministers to present, in such way as they deem best, this subject to their respective congregations ; and that the agent of the Board of Corporation make this an object of special attention in prosecuting the business of his agency.

3dly. The subjects contained in the annual and supplemental reports of the Board of Direction of the Corporation of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, invited the attention of your Committee. In relation to the several items contained in these reports, claiming the attention of Synod, your Committee beg leave to submit for the consideration of General Synod the following resolutions :—viz.

1. “ *Resolved*, That it be submitted to the Board of Direction of the Corporation, &c. to determine and direct what parts of the reports, communications, statements and accounts rendered by the Board of Direction should from time to time be published in the minutes of General Synod.

2. “ *Resolved*, That General Synod do hereby sanction for one year, the appointment of the Rev. Staats Van Santvoord by the Board.

for the collection of the outstanding subscriptions, and obtaining additional subscriptions and donations for the Professoral Funds.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Synod deem the rendering an annual digest to Synod highly proper, and do hereby direct its continuance.

4. *Resolved*, That one collection be taken up for the Theological Seminary in each congregation.

5. *Resolved*, That as the subscription of the Consistory of the Collegiate Churches in New-York, of \$1750 per annum for three years, in aid of the Theological Seminary, so generously granted by them, will expire on the 9th day of November next ; and the Board of Direction apprehend that without the continuance of that aid for some time longer, the means of Synod to support the professorate will be inadequate, and their funds become embarrassed ; therefore, *Resolved*, that Jacob R. Hardenbergh, C. C. Cuyler, John Ludlow, Abraham Van Nest, Andrew Howell, Jacob Brodhead, and Nicholas I. Marselus, be appointed a Committee to make application to that Consistory for their continuance of the same favour for a few years longer.

4thly. The Treasurer's Annual Account, accompanied with its digest, called forth the attention of your Committee. From said communications, as far as your Committee have been enabled to examine them, it appears that the fiscal concerns of your church are in a course of successful operation, with the exception of the Indigent Students' Fund and the Contingent Fund of General Synod. Your Committee cannot here omit expressing their approbation of the zeal, industry, and great labour which your Board of Direction have manifested in arranging, elucidating, and simplifying the fiscal concerns of your church.

Your Committee further suggest the propriety of the Synod's expressing their grateful acknowledgments for the liberal donation from Mr. Isaac Heyer, their late Treasurer, to the Theological Seminary ; and recommend the following resolutions to Synod for their consideration :--

1. *Resolved*, That Synod *feel*, and do hereby express their *high sense* of gratitude for the donation of \$2500 from Mr. Isaac Heyer, their late Treasurer, to the Synod for the use of their Theological Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Direction of the Corporation of General Synod be, and are hereby directed to appropriate said donation

for the establishment of a scholarship, to be styled the “*Heyer Scholarship in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church.*”

5thly. Certain papers containing applications of students for aid and dispensations claimed the consideration of your Committee.

1. A paper containing an application in favour of Mr. Henry Morris, a student of theology now in your seminary, for obtaining from General Synod a dispensation for one year and two sessions study in your seminary. So that having remained one year, commencing the 15th of September next, in addition to the present session in your seminary, he may then, if found competent, be admitted to licensure in our church.

Your Committee having examined the case of Mr. Morris, unhesitatingly recommend to General Synod the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the dispensation requested in favour of Mr. Henry Morris be and is hereby granted.

2. Papers containing applications in favour of Mr. Jacob Ennis, Elihu Doty, Aaron A. Marselus, and John C. Baldwin, for aid from your Charity funds. Your Committee having considered their several cases, concluded to recommend to the consideration of Synod the following resolutions :—viz.

1. *Resolved*, That as it appears that the fund for indigent students is already appropriated, therefore the above said applicants cannot be aided from that source.

2. *Resolved*. That the above said applicants be advised to apply for aid to the General Education Society of the Reformed Dutch Church.

In relation to the suggestion of the Board of Direction, as to the manner of keeping their accounts—

Resolved. That all the monies, the interest of which is appropriated to the support of the professors of the Theological College, be placed under one head, to be denominated the Permanent Professoral Fund of General Synod.

Your Committee beg leave to conclude their report with commending to the fervent and importunate prayers of all your churches, your College in both its Literary and Theological Departments.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. ELTINGE, *Chairman*,

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Peter Gordon reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee appointed on the application of Peter Gordon, to be received on trial for license to preach the Gospel, report.—That they have examined the documents submitted to them, and from their deficiency as to his literary and theological attainments, and the entire absence of any testimonials as to his present moral and religious character, they recommend to General Synod the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That this Synod have not sufficient information to act in the case, and that Mr. Gordon have leave to withdraw his application.

By Order of the Committee.

WILLIAM M. MURRAY, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

The following Resolutions on the subject of Intemperance were introduced, and adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That the principle adopted by many individuals and societies in different parts of this country for the suppression of intemperance, viz. total abstinence from the use of ardent spirits, excepting only its use as a medicine, meets with the decided approbation of this Synod.

Resolved, That it is therefore earnestly recommended to the members of our churches that they entirely refrain from the use of ardent spirits, except as above mentioned.

Resolved, That it be requested of all our Ministers and Churches to inculcate the said principle, not only by example but by precept, and especially among the rising generation. and to diffuse such information as may be deemed best calculated to effect the object.

Resolved, That it be recommended to our Churches, Ministers, and individual Christians, to promote the cause of temperance by the formation of societies, or by such other measures as may be thought best adapted to the end.

Resolved. As without God we can do nothing, that the prayers of all Christians be requested for his blessing upon the means used, and for the putting forth of his power for the suppression of intemperance.

And whereas the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has recommended the observance of the 4th Thursday of January next, as a day of fasting, humiliation. and prayer, in reference to the sin of intemperance, therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to our Churches to unite in the observance of the same day for the purpose aforesaid,—and that the Ministers be enjoined that the exercises on that day be especially directed to impress upon the minds of their congregations the evils of intemperance, and the necessity of reform.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church was presented to Synod, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee on Missions report that it has afforded them much pleasure to observe, from the facts which have claimed their attention, that our missionary concerns are in a far more prosperous condition than they ever have been. It appears from the Minutes of General Synod. that previous to the year 1809 very little had been done by our Church in the Missionary cause, and that from that period until the year 1812, only four Missionaries had been employed

by the General Synod. A Standing Committee of Missions was then appointed with certain powers. From that year until 1815, but one or two individuals were engaged in the missionary service. At the meeting of the General Synod in that year, the Standing Committee of Missions were directed to make an annual report to the Synod, and they were authorized to employ missionaries in any parts of this and the neighbouring states, as well as in the province of Upper Canada.

Notwithstanding this enlargement of the powers of the Committee of Missions, little was done before the meeting of the General Synod in June 1817, when the Committee made their first report, and announced that they had engaged the Rev. John F. Schermerhorn and the Rev. Jacob Van Vechten to go on a mission to Canada for three months. They also reported that they had furnished means to the Classis of New Brunswick to send a missionary into the northern part of New Jersey, which eventuated in his settlement. The Missionary Fund had not at that period exceeded 400 dollars per year.

From that time the General Synod appears to have realized more solemnly the importance of calling our Church into the missionary field, and of awakening the people to the necessity of its occupation.

The year 1822 was one which constituted a new era in the history of our Church, for then was organized our Missionary Society, and the Committee of Missions was superseded by it. The next year the first report of that Society was made to the General Synod, and the funds of the year were 1,943 dollars. Since then the contributions have regularly increased, until we find in the present report of the Society the receipt during the last year of more than 5,000 dollars; in which time twenty-one missionaries have been employed in twenty-eight congregations or missionary stations, destitute of the stated ordinances.

The Committee have given this brief history of our missionary operations with a view to encourage our Church in this most commendable work, and to show how much more may be done if all the energies of the Church can be called into action. The Committee most sincerely regret to find that more than seventy churches have made no contributions during the last year for the Missionary Fund, and less than thirty have taken up collections on Thanksgiving day, according to the express order of the last General Synod. While

the field of inviting labour is extending before us, we shall be compelled to relinquish a great part of it, unless a more universal co-operation be given by our ministers and people. We would most affectionately plead this cause with those who have manifested indifference to it, and beseech them by the love which they have for perishing souls, and by their attachment to our Church, to come forward and resolve, that by the blessing of the Lord. this year shall show their work of charity and their labour of love ; we would in-treat them as brethren, and say to them and to all our members, let your charity to souls begin at home, and let its streams flow thence if possible to the ends of the earth.

The Report of the Missionary Society, which has been read, the Committee have inspected, and they recommend it to the Synod for its adoption, with the exception of a few alterations which the Chairman has been instructed to propose. They hope the Synod will send it to the Board of Managers with their order to have it printed and circulated through all our bounds.

The Committee conclude by recommending to Synod for adoption the following resolutions, viz :

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod most earnestly recommend our Missionary Society to the ministers, consistories, and people, as intimately connected with the prosperity of the Reformed Dutch Church.

2. *Resolved*, That if a day of thanksgiving be appointed by public authority this year, all our churches be recommended to take up a collection on the said day for the missionary fund.

3. *Resolved*. That those Classes and Churches who have not organized Auxiliary Societies be and hereby are requested forthwith to attempt their formation.

4. *Resolved*, That every missionary shall report himself to a Committee of the Classis, within the bounds of which he intends to labour.

5 *Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society appoint a Board of Agency in the Synod of Albany to co-operate with them in the missionary work.

J. BRODHEAD, *Chairman*.

Whereas certain exceptionable matter has from time to time appeared in the Magazine of the Reformed Dutch Church, therefore,

Resolved, That this subject be referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Abraham Van Vechten Rev. J. Brodhead, D. D. J. Ludlow, D. D , J. V. C. Romeyn, and John Schuyler, Jun , to report certain resolutions expressive of the sense of General Synod in relation to the same.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

Whereas the Magazine of the Reformed Dutch Church has been established under the patronage of this Synod, for the purpose of disseminating useful religious information and promoting the interest of religion : And whereas it is inconsistent with those objects that it should on any occasion be made the channel of reply to newspaper publications upon subjects which are not calculated to cherish a Christian spirit and cultivate unity among brethren : And whereas it is unbecoming the highest ecclesiastical assembly of the Reformed Dutch Church to give the least countenance to animadversions in the said Magazine, upon debates and proceedings in this Synod, which reflect upon any members thereof : therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod has noticed with regret in the last number of the said Magazine two articles of the above description, of which the Synod feels itself constrained by a sense of duty to express in this formal manner its unqualified disapprobation.

Resolved, That though the General Synod have extended their patronage to said Magazine, and regard it as a useful medium through which to communicate religious intelligence to the Churches under their care, yet they are not to be considered as responsible for the sentiments which it contains or manner in which it is conducted.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be communicated by the Stated Clerk of this Synod, to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church.

The Rev. J. Brodhead, D. D. was appointed to preach the annual missionary sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod, and the Rev. Henry Ostrander was appointed his *secundus*.

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church as amended, be published under the direction of the Board of Managers of said Society.

Whereas neither the *primarius* nor *secundus* appointed at the last meeting of Synod to preach the missionary sermon appeared, nor have assigned any reason for absence,—and whereas such omission is highly prejudicial to the interests of the Missionary Society, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod do highly disapprove of such neglect, and sincerely hope that they will have no cause to complain of such omission in future.

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

The communication of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed in 1826, to procure materials for a Memoir of the late Reverend and venerable John H. Livingston, D. D. S. T. P. and engage a person to write it, be discharged from the farther consideration of the subject, and be requested to put any materials collected by them, into the hands of such person as General Synod shall appoint to prepare such Memoir.

Resolved, That the Rev. Alexander Gunn, D. D. be, and hereby is appointed, and requested to write and publish such a Memoir as was contemplated by the resolution of General Synod, in the session of 1826.

Resolved, That the Rev. Drs. Knox and M. Murray, with the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, be a Committee to inspect the work, previous to publication, and fix the amount of compensation to Dr. Gunn, out of the profits arising from the sale of the work.

ARTICLE XXI.

Pastoral Letter.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXII.

Synodical Archives.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Finance.

The Door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$10 50, was presented and ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Finance reported that nothing had come before them claiming the attention of Synod.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Resumption and close.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 750 copies of the minutes of the last extra session, and of this session of Synod, duly authenticated ; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

The minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXV.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of New York, on the first Wednesday in June, 1829, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JACOB SCHOONMAKER, *President.*

ROBERT BRONK, *Adseessor.*

GEORGE H. FISHER, }
JACOB C. SEARS, } *Clerks pro. tem.*

Official copy from the original minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

PLAN
OF THE
THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL
OF THE
Reformed Dutch Church.

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ARTICLE 1.

Of General Synod.

1. All the authority of the Reformed Dutch Church is vested in the General Synod, as the last resort. This Synod shall have paramount authority over the Theological School, its officers, laws, and instructions.

2. The General Synod shall appoint a Board of Superintendents, consisting of four members from the Classis of New York, and of two from each of the other Classes under the care of the Synod. This Board of Superintendents shall be chosen by ballot, at every triennial meeting of General Synod.

3. All the Professors of this Theological School shall be chosen by the General Synod; but in the recess of Synod, the Board of Superintendents may temporarily employ a person or persons to perform the duties of a Professor.

4. The General Synod may alter, amend or abrogate any of the articles in the plan of this School, provided such alterations do not contravene the mutual engagements of Synod and the trustees of Rutgers' College.

ARTICLE II.

Of the Board of Superintendents.

1. The Board of Superintendents shall meet annually in the Professoral Hall, on the Thursday immediately succeeding the day of Commencement in Rutgers' College; and any five members, when regularly convened, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. This Board shall open and close all their meetings with prayer, and shall cause one sermon at least to be preached, either by their president, or some member appointed for that purpose.

3. This Board shall choose a president and secretary, keep minutes of all their transactions, and lay them, with a summary account of the state of the School, before General Synod, at every stated meeting.

4. The power of admitting students into the Theological School, is vested in the Board of Superintendents; and they are directed to appoint a Committee in the neighbourhood of New Brunswick, whose business it shall be to admit members to the Theological College, during the recess of the Board.

5. The Board shall superintend an annual examination of all the students under the care of the Professors, to ascertain their talents and proficiency.

6. The Board shall be competent to reprimand or remove immoral or incompetent students, to inspect the doctrines taught by Professors and the general course of study, and to recommend to Synod, such measures or changes as they may think advantageous to the School, and the general interests of the Dutch Church.

7. The President is authorized to call a special meeting of the Board at the request of a Professor or Professors, or of any two members at any time, provided four weeks previous notice be given.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Professors.

1. The number of Professors in this School shall be determined by General Synod, and their duties shall be prescribed by Synod, or by the person or persons who may endow a professorship under the

immediate direction of the superintendents. Provided always, that the School be not considered as completely organized without three Professors, and that all of them be ordained ministers of the Reformed Dutch Church.

2. The salaries of all the Professors hereafter appointed, shall be fixed by a vote of General Synod.

3. The Professors shall attend three lectures or recitations every week, and accompany them with prayer.

4. Every Professor intending to resign, shall give six months' notice to the Board of Superintendents.

5. They shall attend morning and evening prayers with their pupils either separately or in conjunction with the Faculty and students of Rutgers' College, and supply them with the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments by themselves, or by some church in New Brunswick.

6. The Professors shall have the power of reprimanding or suspending from the School disrespectful, immoral, and incompetent students, during the recess of the Board of Superintendents, subject to the revision of the Board.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Students.

1. Every student, upon admission to the Theological School, shall produce a certificate of his membership in some regular Protestant Church, and a diploma from some literary College, or testimonials of such literary attainments, as would entitle him to such diploma. He shall moreover, submit to an examination by the Board, or such committee as they may appoint, of his piety, talents, and such other qualifications as would give *reasonable* ground to hope that he is called of God to preach the Gospel.

2. Every student in the Reformed Dutch Church shall, previous to his commencing the study of Theology, make himself known as such to the Board of Superintendents, and shall be considered under the care of said Board. And every student of Divinity under whomsoever he may have studied, shall previous to his examination by the Professor, apply for the said purpose to the Board of Superintendents, before he is examined and licensed.

3. The students shall exhibit to the Professors weekly in rotation, one lecture or sermon upon such subjects as the Professors shall appoint, and each one annually to the superintendents, and write upon such subjects as the Professors may prescribe.

4. Strict morality, piety, diligence in studies and attention upon lectures, recitation and prayers, are required, under pain of reproof or expulsion.

5. Every student shall spend a portion of his time, morning and evening in private devotion, and every Lord's day in public, social and private worship, with a particular reference to personal religion and growth in grace.

6. Those students who are not able to defray the expenses of their education, shall be assisted, as far as practicable, from the funds devoted to that purpose.

ARTICLE V.

Of the time and course of study.

1. The time and course of study in this School shall not be less than three years.

2. In each year there shall be three vacations, corresponding with those in Rutgers' College, provided that the whole time of vacation in any year, do not exceed three months.

3. The whole course of instruction shall consist of Natural, Didactic, Polemic, and Practical Theology. Biblical literature, including Critica Sacra, Hermeneutica Sacra. Biblical Antiquities, Sacred Geography, and the Original Languages Ecclesiastical History, including Chronology, Church Government, and Pastoral Theology.

The studies of the first year or Junior Class, shall be Critica Sacra, Biblical Antiquities, Sacred Geography, Composition, the Original Languages, the History of the Old Testament, and so much of Pastoral Theology, as relates to the composition and delivery of sermons.

The studies of the second year shall be Didactic and Polemic Theology, Hermeneutica Sacra, Ecclesiastical History, and the Original Languages continued.

The studies of the third year shall be Didactic and Polemic Theology ; Pastoral Theology ; Ecclesiastical History ; Church Government. Hermeneutica Sacra, and the Original Languages.

A general revision of former studies shall be required at the close of each year ; and there shall be anniversary exercises, in which each member of the Senior Class shall bear a part, under the direction of the Professors.

In the course of instruction on Didactic and Polemic Theology, Mark's Medulla shall be used as a text-book.

4. Students at the expiration of three years of regular study, shall be admitted to an examination to be conducted by the Professors before the Board of Superintendents, and as the case may require, be continued longer in the School, or furnished with a certificate signed by the Professor, which shall admit them to an examination for licensure, before their respective Classes.



THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE
Reformed Dutch Church
IN
NORTH AMERICA,
AT
NEW YORK, JUNE, 1829.
WITH
AN APPENDIX.

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Acts and Proceedings

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the city of New York, on Wednesday the third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine. The Session continued from the third to the tenth day of June, inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, the President of the last General Synod ; who preached a Sermon in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Rom. i. 16.

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. From the Classis of New York.

Rev. John Knox, D. D., Wm. C. Brownlee, D. D., Thomas G. Smith.

Elders, Everardus Warner, William Hardenbrook, Ichabod Prall.

2. From the South Classis of New York.

Rev. James M. Mathews, D. D., W. M. Murray, D. D., John E. Miller.

Elders, John Nitchie, E. R. Belcher,* John Redfield.†

* Took his seat on the *third* day of Session.

† Took his seat on the *sixth* day of Session.

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*

Rev. J. L. Zabriskie,* Henry L. Rice, R. D. Van Kleeck.
Elders, J. R. Hardenbergh, Andrew Howell.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. B. C. Taylor, Zechariah Kuypers,† G. Abeel.‡
Elder, Cornelius Van Winkle.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Jefferson Wynkoop, Jacob T. Field.§
Elders, John J. Blauvelt, David Cole.

6. *From the Classis of Long Island.*

Rev. T. M. Strong, William Crookshank,|| P. P. Rouse.
Elders, Adrian Vanderveer, Johannis Remsen, William Bennett.

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. G. R. Livingston, Peter Labagh, Jacob Larzalere.
Elders, George W. Mentz, Peter Nevius.¶

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. John Gosman, George W. Bethune, Edwin Holmes.
Elders, Jacob Schultz,|| Abraham G. Van Keuren.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., Samuel Kissam, Robert Bronk.
Elder Samuel Phelps.

* Succeeded on the *eighth* day of Session by Rev. I. M. Fisher, his *secundus*.

† Succeeded on the *seventh* day of Session by Rev. J. G. Ogilvie, his *secundus*.

‡ Succeeded on the *third* day of Session by Rev. Philip Duryea, the *primarius*.

§ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the Session.

|| Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of Session.

¶ Obtained leave of absence after the *third* day of the Session.

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Cornelius Van Cleef, Isaac N. Wyckoff.*
 Elder, Peter Groom.†

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Benjamin Van Keuren, Samuel Van Vechten.
 Elders, * * *

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Isaac P. Labagh, Cornelius Bogardus.
 Elders, Simon De Ridder, Joseph Southworth.‡

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. H. B. Stryker, Isaac S. Ketcham.
 Elders, * * *

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. John Garretson,§ J. H. Van Wagenen, Stephen Ostrander.
 Elder, Johan Jost A. Deitz.

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. Elbert Slingerland, John B. Steele, James Murphy.
 Elder, Simon A. Vedder.

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. Asa Bennet,|| Henry Heermance.||
 Elders, * * *

The Rev. Professor Milledoler was present during a part of the Sessions of the Synod.

* Took his seat on the *second* day of the Session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of Session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of Session.

§ Succeeded on the *sixth* day of Session by Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, his *secundus*.

|| Took their seats on the *second* day of the Session.

ARTICLE III.*Moderators.*

Rev. John Knox, D.D., was chosen President.

Rev. John Gosman, was chosen Adsector.

Rev. B. C. Taylor, and John H. Van Wagenen, were chosen Clerks, *pro tem*.

ARTICLE IV.*Reading of Minutes.*

The Minutes of the last Annual Session of Synod were read.

ACTS OF SYNOD.**ARTICLE I.***Orders and Rules.*

These were read.

ARTICLE II.*Standing Committees.*

The following Committees were appointed :—

On the Professorate.—Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., Wm. C. Brownlee, D. D., C. Van Cleef, and the Elders G. W. Mentz, and Andrew Howell.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Thomas M. Strong, J. H. Van Wagenen, Isaac S. Ketcham, and the Elders S. A. Vedder, and John I. Blauvelt.

On Missions.—Rev. W. M. Murray, D.D., J. L. Zabriskie, H. L. Rice, and Elders Cornelius Van Winkle, and Wm. Mandeville.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Peter Labagh, R. Bronk, R. D. Van Kleeck, and John Gosman, and the Elders Wm. Hardenbrook, Jr., and Everardus Warner.

On Overtures.—Rev. Thomas G. Smith, S. Ostrander, J. E. Miller, and the Elders John Nitchie, and Cornelius Van Winkle.

On Finance.—Rev. G. R. Livingston, J. Gosman, S. Van Vechten, and the Elders J. R. Hardenbergh, and S. De Ridder.

On Correspondence.—Rev. W. Eltinge, J. Wynkoop, Z. Kuypers, and Elders Adrian Vanderveer, and David Cole.

Resolved, That the name of Committee on Finance be changed to that of the Committee on Accounts.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

The following Report of the Board of Superintendents, of the Theological Seminary, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :—

That pursuant to the direction of the General Synod, the Board met in the Theological Hall, in the city of New Brunswick, on the 17th day of July, 1828. Reports were received from each of the Professors. The Reports represented the following young gentlemen as members of the Theological College.

Senior Class.—Robert P. Lee, James E. Quaw, Henry A. Raymond.

Middle Class.—Isaac D. Cole, James Demarest, Henry Mandeville, James Talmage, Cornelius L. Van Dyke, Charles P. Wack, Henry Morris.

Junior Class.—John H. Bevier, Christopher Hunt, Francis M. Kip, Alexander M. Mann, Abraham F. Meyers, John H. Pitcher, Ransford Wells, Frederick Cornell, Thomas A. Ammerman, Aaron A. Marselus.

James Beveridge, who was reported last year, has withdrawn from the Institution ; and Garrabrants Van Riper, who was received last fall, has been removed by death.

The Professors bear the most ample testimony to the good and exemplary conduct, diligence, and proficiency of the Students.

The Senior Class was examined on the studies of the whole course ;

and the Middle and Junior Classes, excepting Mr. Bevier, who was absent on account of want of health, on the studies pursued by them respectively, during the year, agreeably to the plan of study directed by General Synod. The Senior Class was also examined on experimental religion, and their views in desiring to enter into the Gospel ministry. The whole examination was highly satisfactory to the Board, and bore honourable testimony to the faithfulness, intelligence and zeal of the Professors, and the diligence and proficiency of the Students.

Aaron A. Marselus, having entered the Institution after the Session had made some progress, having satisfied the Professors, by his diligence and proficiency, and the Board by his examination, is, by them, recommended to General Synod for a dispensation.

The members of the Senior Class were cheerfully recommended for professoral certificates, and, upon leaving the Institution, commended to God, and the word of his grace, in the hope that they will become faithful and able ministers of the New Testament.

The general aspect and prospects of the School, are encouraging, and promise to meet, under the Divine blessing, the desires, prayers, and wants, of the Church. For this fountain of Sacred literature, the Board solicit the continued regard, and fervent prayers of the General Synod, and of the whole Church. They would specially recommend to your attention, the wants of the Library and the Education Fund, as of the highest importance to the promotion of our prosperity, under a perfect conviction, that the subject need only be fairly presented, in order to meet the liberal support and prompt attention which it merits.

The Board will conclude by blessing Him, who is "Head over all things to his Church," for his many and unmerited favours to this "school of the prophets," imploring his continued presence and grace, and wishing the General Synod, and the Church, "grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and Jesus Christ our Lord."

Respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board,

J. BRODHEAD, *President, pro. tem.*

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Secretary.*

A communication was received from the Classis of New York, recommending Samuel Tredwell, a member of the Church of the People of Colour, for a dispensation, and requesting leave of Synod to license him when they shall judge proper, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A communication was received from the Rev. Dr. Gunn, stating, that agreeably to the request of the last Synod, he has prepared a memoir of the late Professor Livingston, which has been submitted to the Committee appointed to inspect the manuscript previous to publication.

A communication was received from the Students in the Theological Seminary, praying that Synod would alter the time of the Annual Examination, to the week previous to the Commencement in Rutgers' College, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following Report was received from the Committee appointed in June last, on the subject of the Memoir of the late Professor Livingston.

“The Committee, appointed by the Synod in June last, upon the subject of a Memoir of the late Professor Livingston, to be prepared by the Rev. Dr. Gunn, respectfully submit to Synod the following extracts from their Minutes, as their Report :—

“The Committee met in New York, March 31, 1829. The Rev. Dr. Gunn laid before them a Memoir of the late Professor Livingston, prepared by him, in compliance with his appointment for that purpose, by the General Synod.

“The Committee having perused the Memoir, adopted the following, as the expression of their opinion, in relation to it.

“The undersigned, having, at the request of the author, and in compliance with the object of their appointment by the Synod, carefully perused the manuscript memoir of the late Professor Livingston, prepared by the Rev. Dr. Gunn, have much pleasure in bearing their decided testimony to the able manner in which the task has been accomplished. With much well directed labour, and, in a manner that will not fail to prove gratifying to the Church, the author has reduced

to order, a large amount of interesting and important matter. The volume now about to be presented to the public, contains, it is believed, a faithful picture of the revered individual, whose eventful life it pourtrays ; and, at the same time, exhibits all the most prominent features of the history of the Reformed Dutch Church in this country ; together with valuable passing notices of many of her most distinguished sons, who have, from time to time, entered into rest.

“The work, we doubt not, will be perused with interest ; and regarded as an important addition to the Biography of those whose “memory is blessed.” With prayer for its usefulness, we do hereby cordially recommend it to the patronage of the Christian community ; and, especially, of every minister, consistory, and member of the Reformed Dutch Church.

JOHN KNOX,
WM. M‘MURRAY,
COR. C. CUYLER.

The Committee, moreover, requested Dr. Gunn to proceed to take all necessary measures for publishing an edition of 1500 copies of the Memoir—awarded to him as a compensation for his labour in preparing, and publishing the work, 75 per cent. of the profits arising from the publication ; and authorized and advised him to take out a copy right for the work, as its author and proprietor, the same to be used at his discretion.

The above proceedings having been made known to Dr. Gunn, he has communicated to them his entire satisfaction with the compensation awarded him ; and, moreover, proposes, “that, should it please the Rev. Synod to appropriate their part of the profits to increase the library of the institution, once so dear to the venerable man, whose memoir is now to be given to the Church, he will consider it his duty to pay over to any persons authorized to receive it, *one third*, instead of one fourth, of the profits of the work, whatever may be the amount of them, for that important object.”

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KNOX, *Chairman.*

New York, June 3, 1829

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee to determine with Dr. Gunn, the division of the profits of the work, as to them shall appear equitable and right; and that said Committee, in connexion with the Theological Professors, be authorized to apply such portion of profits as may be at the disposal of the Synod, to the increase of the Theological Library.

The following Report, of the Committee appointed at the last Synod, to wait on the Consistory of the Church of New York, was submitted, and *unanimously* adopted by Synod.

The Committee, appointed at the last meeting of the General Synod, to solicit of the Consistory of the Collegiate Churches in New York, a continuation of their liberal grant towards the support of the Professors in the Theological College, report—

“That they attended to the duty assigned them, and obtained from the Consistories a continuation of said grant for another year, ending on the 9th of November next. It affords your Committee no little gratification to state to the General Synod, that they were received with the greatest cordiality, and the promptness with which they acceded to the request, greatly enhanced the value of their donation. Your Committee feel, that the General Synod are under high obligations to the Consistory of said Church, and they recommend for adoption, the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the General Synod feel a deep sense of the liberality of the Consistory of the Collegiate Church, and tender them their unfeigned thanks.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the stated Clerk to the Consistory of said Church.

J. R. HARDENBERGH. *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, and the Annual Digest, was received, and is as follows:—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the following Report, of the Board of Direction, is respectfully submitted.

During the current year, this Board has, for the greater part of the time, been deprived of the presence, and counsel, of their venerable President, Col. Henry Rutgers. A protracted illness, has prevented him from attending their meetings, more than twice. Owing to this circumstance, Isaac L. Kip, one of the Directors, was unanimously chosen President, *pro. tem.* Thus constituted, we have been enabled to discharge the duties devolving upon us.

The Board, from the Report of the Committee of Finance, have every reason to believe, that all the investments heretofore made, are well secured ; as well as such investments, as have been made during the current year.

The Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, the agent appointed for the collection of the outstanding subscriptions, and obtaining additional subscriptions, and donations, for the Professoral funds, having made his report to this Board, from which it appears that he has received new subscriptions to the amount of \$3737 ; on account of which, there has been paid to him \$964. That he has received on account of old subscriptions, \$1297, and, in books, \$588 ; \$300 of which were received from the Rev. Dr. Ludlow, and the Rev. Isaac Ferris, being the balance of their old subscriptions, without the orders of the Board. They have since instructed him, not to accept of books, in lieu of moneys heretofore subscribed, unless in those cases, where the money could not be obtained. A Schedule, accompanying this Report, will show where the subscriptions, money, and books, have been obtained. The above returns, however, require some explanations, but the Rev. Mr. Van Santvoord, being gone to the north, they cannot, at present, be had. It will appear, however, to Synod, that few of our Churches, comparatively, have been visited by our Agent, and that much remains to be done in collecting the outstanding subscriptions, and obtaining additional subscriptions and donations for the Professoral Fund. The Board, therefore, respectfully suggest to General Synod, the propriety of investing them with full authority, from time to time, to appoint such agent, or agents, for the above purpose, as they shall think best ; and, on such salaries, as they may think right ; for a term. or terms, not less than one, nor more than

three months in succession, unless renewed ; excluding the winter months. And that the said agent, or agents, be under the entire direction and control of the Board. Every thing has been done by the Board, which could be done by them. Yet, upon examining into the final result of the last year's operations, they regret to state, that our prospects are by no means flattering ; as a very considerable portion of the moneys received, which were intended to be added to the Permanent Fund, have necessarily been expended in the payment of the salaries of the Professors, and other necessary expenses. The interest arising from the Permanent Fund, and the collections in the Churches, and from other sources, being quite inadequate for said purposes.

Under these circumstances, the Board respectfully submit to the serious deliberation and consideration of Synod, the importance and necessity, of assuming more energetic measures in relation to the state of our funds ; and suggest the absolute necessity, that all the collections, heretofore adopted, be re-enacted, and urged in the most impressive manner, on all the Churches, as a measure of the highest importance to the welfare of our Theological Seminary. And, in this place, it is proper to add, that the renewal of the grant of \$1500, for one year, by the Consistory of the Church in New York, will expire on the 9th of November next.

A special Committee, from the Board, was appointed to inquire into, and state the accounts of Mr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh, with the General Synod, in relation to moneys paid by him for repairs, &c., to Rutgers College ; and, what moneys, or balance, if any, is due to him as directed by General Synod, at their last meeting. The Board, however, have not yet been enabled to effect the settlement of said accounts.

It appears to this Board, that on the 30th of March, in the year 1808, Marinus Willet, Esq. and wife, conveyed to the Trustees of Queen's College, a lot of land, situated in Essex county, state of New York, containing 100 acres ; that Rensselaer Westerlo, Abraham Hunn, and John Woodworth, and their wives, executed to the Trustees of Queen's College, a deed, dated 21st May, 1811, for $621\frac{33}{100}$ acres of land, partly in Montgomery, and partly in Essex counties. And that Philip S. Van Rensselaer executed a deed of quit-claim, dated 18th June, 1811, for one undivided half part of lot

No. 89, in Township No. 8 ; the whole containing 640 acres, in the county of Franklin, (late Clinton.) The above lands were conveyed to the Trustees of Queen's College, as General Synod, not being then incorporated, could not hold real estate, but the grant was intended for the benefit of General Synod, for the Theological College, as the Board apprehend.

The Trustees have transmitted the said deeds to this Board, and considerable pains have been taken to ascertain the value of said lands, and what taxes were due thereon, by inquiring, at the Comptroller's office. in Albany, and at other places. The result of the inquiry is, that the last mentioned tract. has been sold by the State, for taxes due up to 1821, for \$30 83, and purchased by Judge Woodworth. The time of redemption has expired ; but the same may again be had of Judge Woodworth. On the other tracts, no taxes have been returned ; consequently, none are due. The Board cannot ascertain the value of said lands, but believe they are of no great worth. The propriety of authorizing this Board to obtain from the Trustees of Queen's College, a quit-claim of their rights to said lands to General Synod, is respectfully suggested : And that they be empowered to redeem the lot sold, if they think it adviseable, and to sell the said lands for what price they can obtain for the same.

According to the direction of General Synod, the donation of \$2,500. by the late Isaac Heyer, deceased, has been invested on bond and mortgage, for the establishment of a Scholarship, to be styled the "Heyer Scholarship in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church ;" which will appear in the Annual Digest. The Synod will designate the Scholar to receive the benefit of said fund.

The Board would respectfully call the attention of Synod to the fund arising from the Twenty-five cent Collections, which they consider of vital importance to our Theological Seminary. They regret to state, that this collection has engaged the attention of but very few of the Churches, although the same has been so frequently and urgently recommended by General Synod. From this source alone, if duly attended to, and a contribution of the small sum of twenty-five cents, obtained from every member in full communion, sufficient money would be raised, in addition to the interest moneys arising from the permanent fund, to pay the salaries of all the Professors. From a review of the Statistical Tables, it will appear that there are at least

sixteen thousand members in full communion in the Church, whom, at twenty-five cents only, would produce a revenue of four thousand dollars ; and can it be possibly alleged, that any member of the Church, feeling an interest in the cause of Zion, could not pay the small sum of twenty-five cents per annum, to support its cause ?

The Board are fully impressed with the opinion, that, if every Church would conscientiously engage to raise the sum of twenty-five cents per annum, from each of their members in full communion, all other collections, heretofore made for the Professoral Fund, might, with safety, be abolished. They, therefore, respectfully suggest to Synod, to propose to the respective Churches under their care, that if the sum of twenty-five cents per annum be paid by them for each, and every of their communicants, to be ascertained from their Statistical Tables, to be hereafter correctly furnished, then, no other collections whatever will be required to be made by them for the Professoral Fund : Otherwise, that all the collections, heretofore required for the Permanent, Professoral, or Theological Funds, be, from time to time, continued.

The Board beg leave to refer Synod to the Treasurer's Annual Account, and such other documents as will be laid before them, which will, as far as in their power, exhibit a full statement, of the funds and money concerns of General Synod.

Treasurer's Account.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in account with
ISAAC YOUNG, Treasurer.*

		DR.		Dolls. C.	
1828.					
June	3	To Cash	paid Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of his salary as Agent, &c.	25	00
		"	" paid Rev. Eli Baldwin, for one year's salary as Clerk of the Board of Corporation, due 1st instant, \$100, and for postage paid by him, \$1 34,	101	34
		"	" paid Dr. John De Witt for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c., due 1st inst., \$437 50. Deduct interest on his bond for \$2500 at six per cent, from 1st February, 1827, to 1st inst., \$200,	237	50
	9	"	" paid Zebedee Ring, loaned him on bond and mortgage,	4000	00
	10	"	" paid Dr. James S. Cannon one quarter's salary as Professor, &c., due 1st instant,	393	75
	11	"	" paid Dr. Philip Milledoler one quarter's salary as President, &c., due 1st instant,	393	75
	17	"	" paid Isaac Young, Treasurer, for one year's salary, due 1st inst., \$250, and for sundry postages paid by him, \$5 02,	255	02
	27	"	" paid Rev. S. Van Santvoord on account of his salary as Agent, &c.,	100	00
July	11	"	" paid Jacob Burdett, loaned him on bond and mortgage,	2500	00
	12	"	" paid H. A. Gardenier for services as Door Keeper at the last meeting of General Synod, held at Albany, and for Stationary, &c.,	10	50
	15	"	" paid Vanderpool & Cole's bill for printing Minutes of last General Synod, paper, binding, &c., as per bill rendered,	102	55
August	5	"	" paid Rev. S. Van Santvoord on account of his salary as Agent, &c,	69	00
Sept.	1	"	" paid Dr. John De Witt one quarter's salary due this day,	437	50
	3	"	" paid Dr. James S. Cannon one quarter's salary, due 1st instant,	393	75
	8	"	" paid for discount on uncurrent notes,	1	12
	9	"	" paid Dr. Philip Milledoler for one quarter's salary, due 1st instant,	393	75
Oct.	11	"	" paid Washington Insurance Company for premium of Insurance on J. R. Voorhees' property,	3	15
	16	"	" paid for postage of Circular Letters,	11	35
		"	" paid Dr. C. C. Cuyler for his expenses in attending the meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church in Pennsylvania,	25	00
	31	"	" paid Rev. S. Van Santvoord on account of his salary as Agent, &c.,	106	00
Nov.	1	"	" paid Michael Van Beuren, loaned him on bond and mortgage,	2500	00
				12060	03

Account continued.

1828.		DR.	Dolls.	C.
		By amount brought forward,	12060	03
Nov.	15	To Cash paid the Eagle Fire Company for premium of Insurance for one year on Rutgers' College,		
	27	" " paid Washington Insurance Company for premium of Insurance for one year on J. R. Hardenbergh's house in New Brunswick, New Jersey,	36	00
Dec.	2	" " paid Rev. Dr. Milledoler for one quarter's salary, due 1st instant,	25	20
	8	" " paid Rev. Dr. Cannon, for one quarter's salary, due 1st instant,	393	75
	10	" " paid Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of his salary as Agent, &c.,	393	75
	11	" " paid Vanderpool & Cole's bill for printing Circular Letters,	40	00
		" " paid postage of Circulars,	9	83
	17	" " paid Rev. Dr. De Witt for one quarter's salary, due 1st instant,	9	78
			437	50
1829.				
Jan.	11	" " paid Michael Van Beuren, loaned him on bond and mortgage,	1500	00
Feb.	23	" " paid Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of his salary as Agent, &c.,	185	00
March	3	" " paid Rev. Dr. Cannon for one quarter's salary, due 1st instant,	393	75
	5	" " paid Rev. Dr. Milledoler for one quarter's salary, due 1st instant,	393	75
	6	" " paid for discount on uncurrent bank notes,	1	18
	28	" " paid Rev. Dr. De Witt for one quarter's salary, due 1st instant,	437	50
April	4	" " paid Bank of New York, for my note discounted 3d March last,	1077	00
	20	" " paid for postage of Circular Letters,	7	72
	29	" " paid Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of his salary as Agent, &c.,	30	00
May	7	" " paid Bank of New York, for my note discounted by them 4th April last,	100	00
	25	" " paid Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of his salary as Agent, &c.,	77	50
		" " paid Rev. Eli Baldwin his salary for one year as Clerk of the Board of Direction, due 1st June next, and 37 cents postage paid by him,	100	37
			17709	61
		Balance carried to new account,	6205	89
			23915	50

Errors Excepted.

ISAAC YOUNG,

Treasurer, &c.

May 30, 1829.

Account continued.

1828. June	CR.	Dolls. C.
2	By Cash from Rev. W. Eltinge for Minutes of General Synod for 1827, furnished to the Classis of Paramus, .	10 25
3	“ “ from Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook, for the collection made in the Church at Bergen for the Theological College, .	4 00
	“ “ from J. B. Steele, for Minutes of Synod for 1827, furnished to the Classis of Schenectady, .	5 00
	“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of new subscriptions obtained by him at Middletown, N. J., to the General Permanent Fund, . \$72 00	
	Deduct notes of the Franklin Bank, insolvent, . 6 00	66 00
	“ “ from Rev. S. Van Vranken, for a collection made in the Church at Freehold for the Theological College, .	10 50
	“ “ from Rev. J. C. Shultz, for collections made in the Church at Lebanon, N. J., viz :	
	For the Theological College, . \$7 81	
	“ “ Contingent Fund, . 4 49	
	“ “ Twenty-five cent contribution, 3 38	
	“ “ Permanent Fund, . 2 26	
		17 94
	“ “ from Rev. J. C. Shultz, for collections made in the Church at Rockaway, N. J., viz :	
	For the Theological College, . \$5 89	
	“ “ Contingent Fund, . 3 55	
	“ “ Permanent Fund, . 2 76	
		12 20
5	“ “ from Rev. R. Sluyter, on account of the subscriptions of several persons at Claverack to the third Professorate, .	180 00
9	“ “ from L. W. Kip, Treasurer, &c., for a collection made in the Church in Broome Street, New York, for the Permanent Fund, .	34 81
11	“ “ from Rev. A. J. Switz, for the second instalment of the subscription of the following persons at Tya-shoke to the third Professorship, viz :	
	Cathalina Smith, . \$10 00	
	P. Quackenboss, \$5; S. Smith, \$5, 10 00	
	Angelica Fort, . 5 00	
	W. C. Van Denbergh, . 2 00	
		27 00
14	“ “ from Rev. G. Ludlow, Questor of the Classis of Philadelphia, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to them, . \$5 50	
	and for collections made in the Church at New Shannack, viz	
	For the Theological College, . 7 07	
	“ “ Contingent Fund, . 4 24	
	“ “ Twenty-five cent contribution, 4 10	
	“ “ Theological College, . 6 59	
	“ “ Permanent Fund, . 3 00	
		30 50
		398 20

Account continued.

1828.		CR.	Dolls.	C.
		By Balance brought forward,	398	20
June	23	By Cash from Mr. H. Van Vleck, on account of the subscriptions of sundry persons at Kinderhook to the third Professorship,	214	00
	24	“ “ from A. D. Ver Valen, for a collection made in the Church at Tappan for the Theological College,	5	50
	27	“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, Agent, &c., collected by him on account of subscriptions to the third Professorship, viz : <i>Albany</i> , of John D. P. Douw, \$100 00 Interest on the subscription of Margaret Van Schaick, 17 50 <i>Schenectady</i> , Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, 10 00 Interest on the subscription of the church at Schenectady, 12 00 <i>Coxsackie</i> , Van Dyck & Bronk, 39 00 Philip Conine, in full, 50 00 Mrs. M. Conine, 12 00 Mrs. A. Culyler, 20 00 H. Adams, 8 00 Abraham Van Bergen, 10 00 Anthony M. Van Bergen, 4 00 Anthony Van Bergen, 15 00 Peter C. Bronk, 12 00 Casper Collyer, 5 00 C. Houghtaling, 4 00 A. Wakely, 2 00 John Spoor, 15 00 A. Hallenbeck, 5 00 Andrew A. Van Slycke, 16 00 Deduct notes of the Franklin Bank, insolvent, 6 00	350	50
July	11	By Cash from Rev. J. Romeyn, for a collection made in the church at Nassau for the Permanent Fund,	10	00
August	5	“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of subscriptions obtained by him in New Jersey for the General Permanent Fund,	69	00
	11	“ “ from John Williams, for half a year's interest on his bond, due 9th inst.,	245	00
	12	“ “ from John Vreelandt, on account of his subscription to the Permanent Fund,	25	00
Sept.	2	“ “ from Rev. J. McKelvey, for collections made at Niskeyuna and Amity for the Theological College, viz : At Niskeyuna, \$10 50 Proceeds of sale of \$2 bill of the Niagara Bank, insolvent, 00 20 Collected at Amity, 6 00	16	70
	3	“ “ from Peter Spader, being interest received by him on the bonds in his hands belonging to the Professoral Fund,	393	75
			1727	65

Account continued.

1828.	CR.		Dolls.	C.
		By Balance brought forward,	1727	65
Sept.	6	By Cash from a collection made at Six Mile Run, New Jersey, for the Contingent Fund,	11	24
		“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, Agent, &c., for moneys collected by him in the Classis of Albany, Ulster, and Poughkeepsie, for the third Professorship,	327	00
	17	“ “ from J. M. Bradhurst, for interest on T. Sherryd's bond up to 22d November next,	550	00
	29	“ “ from I. L. Kip, Treasurer, &c., for half a year's interest on the bond of the Collegiate Churches, New York, due 20th June last,	150	00
		“ “ from I. L. Kip, Treasurer, &c., for two quarterly instalments of the sum of \$1700 per annum, granted by the Collegiate Churches in New York to the Theological College, due 9th August last,	850	00
		“ “ from Gerrit Gates, Treasurer, &c., for the balance of the subscription of Stephen Van Rensselaer to the third Professorship,	500	00
Oct.	28	“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, Agent, &c., for moneys collected by him from various persons on account of their subscriptions to the third Professorship, \$302 00		
		Deduct discount paid on uncurrent notes, and a bill of \$5 counterfeit,	6	46
			295	54
	29	“ “ from Moses Cowan, in full of his subscription to the third Professorship,	50	00
	31	“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, for moneys collected by him from various persons on account of their subscriptions to the third Professorship,	106	00
Nov.	3	“ “ from Daniel Fanshaw, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st instant,	180	00
	7	“ “ from I. Munson, for a collection made in the church corner of Greene and Houston streets for the Theological College,	5	20
	10	“ “ from Rev. S. H. Cox, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st instant,	90	00
	13	“ “ from A. Suydam, for a collection made in the church at Brooklyn for the Theological College,	26	30
	15	“ “ from W. Townsend, for a collection made in the church in Garden Street, New York, for the Theological College,	42	70
		“ “ from H. Miller, for collections made in the Collegiate Churches, New York, for the Theological College, viz : In the Middle Church, \$58 04 “ North do. 32 62	90	66
	18	“ “ from a collection made in the church at Clarkstown for the Theological College,	2	25
	22	“ “ from Isaac A. Knevels, for the amount of his subscription to the third Professorship,	50	00
			5054	54

Account continued.

1828.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By Balance brought forward,	5054 54
Nov.	24	By Cash from T. Haring, for a collection made in the church at Tappan, for the Theological College,	5 25
	27	“ “ from W. M. Ireland, for half a year's interest on his bond, due 29th instant,	175 00
		“ “ from P. Bradt, for a collection made in the church at Berea for the Theological College,	6 37
	28	“ “ from I. L. Kip, for the fourth instalment of the subscription of the following persons to the third Professorship, viz :	
		Christian Miller,	\$25 00
		John E. and Wm. C. Miller,	25 00
		Gideon Hawley and Anna Lansing,	20 00
		Benjamin Knower,	10 00
		Margaret Prewn,	20 00
		Richard V. De Witt,	50 00
		Simeon De Witt,	25 00
		Henry S. Linn,	25 00
		Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Albany,	100 00
			300 00
		“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of the subscriptions of several persons to the third Professorship,	131 00
Dec.	3	“ “ from Rev. P. P. Rouse, on account of the subscriptions of the following persons residing at Florida, Montgomery co., to the third Professorship, viz :	
		George Bradshaw,	\$10 00
		George Lasher,	6 00
		Peter Youngs,	6 00
		Daniel Schuyler,	2 00
		Tunis Hubbard,	2 00
		Jacob Johnson,	2 00
		Philip Radley,	2 00
		John P. and Garrit P. Radley,	2 00
		John Quackenbush,	2 00
		George Warnick,	1 00
			\$35 00
		Deduct this amount allowed H. Van- deveer for three years' interest on \$30, paid by him on his subscrip- tion in advance,	4 00
			31 00
	8	“ “ from P. Spader, for interest received by him on bonds belonging to General Synod,	161 22
	10	“ “ from I. M. Fisher, for a collection made in the church at Bedminster for the Theological College,	3 92
		“ “ from Rev. I. A. Van Hook, for a collection made in the church at Clarkstown for the Theological College,	2 92
		“ “ from Rev. John Garretson, for a collection made in the church at Middleburgh for the Theological College,	3 56
			5874 78

Account continued.

1828.	CR.	Dolls. C.
	By Balance brought forward,	5874 78
Dec. 10	By Cash from I. Settle, Jr., for a collection made in the first church at Berne for the Theological College,	4 00
	“ “ from Rev. I. F. Jackson, for a collection made in the church at Fordham for the Theological College,	8 06
	“ “ for a quarter's interest on New York City Stock, due 1st August last, \$10 50	
	“ “ for a quarter's interest on the same stock, due 1st November last, 10 50	
	“ “ for a quarter's interest on New York State Stock, due 1st July last, 12 00	
	“ “ for a quarter's interest on the same stock, due 1st October last, 12 00	
		45 00
	“ “ from B. Bleecker, for dividends on four shares of Albany and Schenectady Turnpike Stock, since July 1824,	24 00
	“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of new subscriptions obtained by him to the Permanent Professoral Fund from the following persons, residing in the neighbourhood of Fishkill, viz :	
	Abraham Dubois, in full, \$20 00	
	William E. Rapely, do., 20 00	
	John Bedford, 2 00	
	James Givens, 2 00	
	S. A. Hayt, 2 00	
	Allard Anthony 5 00	
	John Voorhes, 2 00	
	John Ackley, 2 00	
	Theodore V. W. Anthony, 2 00	
	John C. Van Wyck, 5 00	
	Elizabeth Shear, 1 00	
	John H. Rosa, 1 00	
	Mrs. Brinckerhoff, 3 00	
	John Anthony, 2 00	
	John Rosekrantz, 1 00	
	A. Van Water, 2 00	
	Joseph Vail, 5 00	
	Samuel L. V. Voorhees, 2 00	
	Jerome Scofield, 2 00	
	William B. Hutchins, 2 00	
	M. Ackerman, 2 00	
	A. Ackerman, 1 00	
	John C. Sleight, 2 00	
	Richard Ludlow, 1 00	
	Thorn Pudney, 2 00	
	Robert P. Brett, 1 00	
	Mrs. Cornell, 1 00	
	A. L. Ubrich, 3 00	
	Enos Wright, 1 00	
	A. Stranger, 2 00	
	I. Sebring, 5 00	
	Ann Van Wyck, 1 00	
		105 00
		6060 84

Account continued.

1828.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By Balance brought forward, - - - - -	6060 84
Dec.	10	By Cash from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of the subscription of Jacob Ten Eyck, of Albany, to the third Professorship, - - - - -	20 00
	17	“ “ from Rev. J. Schoonmaker, for a collection made in the church at Jamaica for the Theological College, - - - - -	12 47
	22	“ “ from Rev. C. Van Cleef for a collection made in the church at Raritan, New Jersey, for the Theological College, - - - - -	12 41
	29	“ “ from Rev. T. M. Strong, for the twenty-five cent collection made in the church at Flatbush, - - - - -	16 62
		“ “ from H. Miller, for the twenty-five cent collection made in the Collegiate Churches, New York, viz: In the Middle Church, - - - \$71 66 “ North do. - - - 29 27	100 93
	30	“ “ from A. Suydam, for the twenty-five cent collection made in the church at Brooklyn, - - - - -	18 09
1829.			
Jan.	8	“ “ from Z. Ring, for half a year's interest on his bond, due 9th December last, - - - - -	140 00
		“ “ from W. C. Zabriskie, for dividend on twenty shares Bergen Turnpike Stock, - - - - -	10 00
	12	“ “ from Rev. S. Van Vechten, on account of the subscriptions of several persons at Bloomingburgh to the third Professorship, - - - - -	50 00
	14	“ “ from Rev. J. C. Sears, for a collection made in the church at Spring Garden, Philadelphia, for the Theological College, - - - - -	9 25
	20	“ “ from J. Munson, for the twenty-five cent collection made in the church in Houston street, New York, - - - - -	11 69
	29	“ “ from D. Pye, for a collection made in the church at Clarkstown for the Permanent Fund, - - - - -	1 80
	30	“ “ from Jacob Burdett, for half a year's interest on his bond, due 10th instant, - - - - -	87 50
Feb.	7	“ “ from Rev. P. Labagh, for the amount of a collection made in the church at Harlingen for the Theological College, - - - - -	4 32
	12	“ “ from John Williams, for half a year's interest on his bond, due 9th instant, - - - - -	245 00
	18	“ “ from Mr. W. W. Townsend, for a collection made in the church in Garden street, New York, for the Contingent Fund, - - - - -	17 70
March	3	“ “ from Bank of New York, for my note at thirty days, discounted by them, to pay the salaries of the Professors, due 1st instant: Amount of Note, - - - \$1077 00 Deduct discount, - - - 5 74	1071 26
	5	“ “ from Rev. G. Ludlow, for a collection made in the church at New Shannack for the Theological College, - - - - -	7 00
			7896 88

Account continued.

1829.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By Balance brought forward, - - - - -	7896 88
March	5	" " from Cornelius L. Hardenbergh, - - - - -	76 82
		Which, with a bond and mortgage made by John S. Hoagland for \$700 on property in New Brunswick, and charges and fees, is in full payment of the bond and mortgage of Jacob R. Voorhees on the same property, which was placed in Mr. Hardenbergh's hands for collection, as per statement furnished by him, viz :	
		Bond of Jacob R. Voorhees, dated 9th July, 1823, for \$600, with interest at 7 per cent. Decree of the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, obtained 9th October, 1828, to raise Interest thereon to 27th Jan., 1829, Premium of Insurance paid by Synod, - - - - -	\$778 50 13 67 3 15
		Interest to delivery of Deed, - - - - -	2 00
			<u>797 32</u>
		Bond and Mortgage of S. Hoagland, Recording Mortgage, - - - - -	700 00 00 50
		Counsel Fee, - - - - -	20 00
		Cash paid Treasurer General Synod, - - - - -	76 82
			<u>797 32</u>
	6	" " for one quarter's interest on New York State Stock, due 1st January last, - - - - -	12 00
		" " for principal and interest of New York City Stock paid off, - - - - -	707 00
	11	" " from A. D. Ver Valen for a collection made in the church at Tappan for the Contingent Fund, - - - - -	4 00
	21	" " from Rev. J. T. Field, for a collection made in the church at Totawa for the Theological College, - - - - -	3 75
		" " from Rev. I. M. Fisher, for a collection made in the church at Bedminster for the Theological College, - - - - -	4 48
		" " from Rev. I. A. Van Hook, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the church at North Hempstead, - - - - -	8 63
		" " from Rev. I. A. Van Hook, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the church at Oyster Bay, - - - - -	8 43
		" " from Rev. C. Z. Paulison, for a collection made in the church at Marbletown for the Theological College, - - - - -	7 00
	31	" " from I. L. Kip, Treasurer, &c., for six months' interest on the bond of the Collegiate Churches, New York, due 1st November last, - - - - -	150 00
April	2	" " for a quarter's interest on New York State Stock, due yesterday, - - - - -	12 00
			<u>8890 99</u>

Account continued.

1829.		CR.		Dolls. C.
April	4	By Balance brought forward, - - - - -		8890 99
		By Cash from Bank of New York, for my note of this date at thirty days, in part renewal of my note of 4th March last, - - - - - \$100 00		
		Deduct discount, - - - - - 00 55		
				99 45
	9	" " for dividend on four shares of Albany and Schenectady Turnpike Stock, - - - - -		4 80
	18	" " for a payment of 25 per cent on twelve dollars of notes of the Franklin Bank, which is insolvent, - - - - -		3 00
	29	" " from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, collected by him in the congregations of Pompton and Middletown, New Jersey, on account of new subscriptions to the Permanent Professoral Fund, - - - - -		130 00
	30	" " from A. D. Ostrander, for collections made in the Collegiate Churches in New York, for the Contingent Fund, viz : Middle Church, \$51 95; North Do. \$15 00		66 95
May	2	" " from Michael Van Beuren, for half a year's interest on his bond, due yesterday, - - - - -		75 00
		" " from D. Fanshaw, for half a year's interest on his bond, due yesterday, - - - - -		180 00
	6	" " from Rev. G. Ludlow, for Minutes of General Synod furnished the Classis of Philadelphia, - - - - -		7 00
		" " from Rev. J. Wynkoop, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Paramus, - - - - -		11 00
	13	" " from Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck, for the Twenty-five Cent Contribution of the church at Raritan, - - - - -		25 42
	14	" " from Rev. J. C. Boice, for a collection made in the churches at Salem and Union for the Theo. College, - - - - -		2 62
		" " from S. Van Santvoord, on account of new subscriptions obtained by him from sundry persons in the congregations of North and Southampton for the Permanent Professoral Fund, - - - - -		82 00
		" " from Rev. W. S. Heyer, for a collection made in the church at Fishkill Landing for the Contingent Fund, - - - - -		4 50
	15	" " from Rev. Samuel H. Cox, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st instant, - - - - -		90 00
	16	" " from Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, on account of the subscription of the church at Catskill to the third Professorship, - - - - - \$50 00		
		Deduct notes of the Bank of Columbia, insolvent, - - - - - 30 00		
				20 00
	18	" " from Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, for a collection made in the church at Catskill for the Permanent Fund, - - - - -		4 00
	22	" " from Rev. Thomas M. Strong, for collections made in the church at Flatbush, viz : For the Contingent Fund, - - - \$3 65 " Permanent Do. - - - 8 00 " Theological College, - - - 9 73		
				21 38
				9718 11

Account continued.

1829.		CR.	Dolls.	C.
		By Balance brought forward, - - - - -	9718	11
May	22	By Cash from John M. Bradhurst, for half a year's interest on P. Sherryd's bond, due this day, - - - - -		175 00
		“ “ from E. A. Brinckerhoff, for a collection made in the Collegiate Dutch Churches, New York, for the Theological College, - - - - -		32 60
		“ “ from Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on account of the subscriptions of sundry persons residing at Albany and Saratoga to the third Professorship, collected by him, - - - - - \$340 00		
		Deduct a note of the Bank of Columbia, insolvent, - - - - - 5 00		
			335	00
	27	“ “ from T. Haring, for a collection made in the church at Tappan for the Permanent Fund, - - - - -		4 89
	28	“ “ from Rev. G. R. Livingston, for collections made in the First Reformed Dutch Church in Philad., viz : For the Contingent Fund, - - - - - \$12 50 “ Theological College, - - - - - 12 50 “ Permanent Fund, - - - - - 10 00		
			35	00
	30	“ “ from Rev. John Beatie, for Minutes of Synod furnished to the Classis of Long Island, - - - - -		7 75
		“ “ from I. Tallman, for a collection made in the church at Clarkstown for the Permanent Fund, - - - - -		1 19
		“ “ from Rev. R. Sluyter, on account of the subscriptions of the following persons residing at Claverack to the Third Professorate, viz : Peter Rhoda, - - - - - \$5 00 Robert A. Van Deusen, - - - - - 5 00		
			10	00
		“ “ from William M. Ireland, for half a year's interest on his bond, due yesterday, - - - - -		175 00
		“ “ from J. M. Bradhurst, in full payment of P. Sherryd's bond, - - - - -		5000 00
		“ “ from Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c., on the 27th November, 1828, for the last quarterly payment of the sum of \$1700 per annum, granted by the Collegiate Churches, New York, to the Theological College for three years, ending on the 9th of that month, (omitted in copying this account,) - - - - -	425	00
			15919	54
		Balance of account rendered last year, - - - - -	7995	96
			23915	50
		Balance due General Synod brought down, - - - - -	6205	89

ISAAC YOUNG,

Treasurer, &c.

ANNUAL DIGEST, 1829.

The Board of Direction of the Corporation of General Synod, submit their Annual Digest as follows, viz :

I. *The Van Benschoten Fund.*

The amount of this fund was, on the first day of April last, as reported by Mr. Peter Spader, the Deputy Treasurer of Rutgers' College, and which is loaned on Bond secured by Mortgages in the State of New

Jersey, - - - - -	\$17,541 82
Balance in the hands of the Deputy Treasurer, -	395 37
Interest due on the 1st May last, - - - -	1,103 01

There has been paid to Indigent Students during the past year out of this fund, \$1022 50.

II. *Legacy of the late Miss Rebecca Knox.*

The amount of this fund is \$2,000, due from the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

One year's Interest received this year, due Jan. 1, 1829,	\$120 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands of last year, - - -	37 86
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	157 86
Paid Indigent Students past year, - - - -	150 00
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Balance - - - - -	7 86

III. *Professoral Fund, late in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers' College, transferred to General Synod.*

The securities of this fund are now deposited in the hands of Peter Spader, to receive the interest, and to account to the Treasurer of this Board.

IV. *Indigent Students' Fund.*

Nothing received on account of this fund the past year.

V. *Indigent Students' Permanent Fund.*

To this fund nothing has been added to the \$200 paid by James Bogert, Jr., for its commencement.

VI. *Heyer Scholarship.*

The sum of \$2,500, devised by Mr. Isaac Heyer, has been invested on Bond and Mortgage.

VII *Permanent Professoral Fund of General Synod.*

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Second and Third Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly belonging to this fund. Loaned on Bond secured by Mortgages, which includes

the Bond of the Collegiate Churches of New York, \$41,200 00
Professoral Funds late in the hands of the Trustees of

Rutgers' College, transferred to General Synod, - 975 00

Six per cent Stock of the State of New York, - - 800 00

Six per cent Stock of the Corporation of the City of New

York, \$700, was paid off in 1829.—See Treasurer's Account.

In the hands of Treasurer now to be invested, (say) - 6000 00 -

Twenty Shares Bergen Turnpike Stock,* valued at - 500 00

Four Shares Albany and Schenectady Turnpike Stock,
valued at - - - - - 240 00

A Note of Hand, balance of subscription, - - - 100 00

58,590 00

VIII. *Collections in the Churches.*

During the past year there has been received from this source,

For the Permanent Fund, - - - - - \$85 63

“ Contingent Do. - - - - - 132 82

“ Twenty-five Cent Donations, - - - - - 197 29

Other collections for the Theological College, - - 380 46

796 20

Note.—Ten Shares of the above Stock belong to Rutgers' College.

IX. *Cent Societies.*

Nothing this year ; which is much regretted.

X. *Minutes of General Synod.*

There has been received for Minutes during the past year,	\$46 50
Paid for Paper and Printing Minutes, - - - -	102 55

XI. *Contingent Fund.*

Since the last report there has been received on account	
of this Fund, - - - - -	\$132 82

In concluding this Report, we would bow before the Lord, humbly blessing him for every favour already received ; and looking to him by faith, for every thing we yet hope for.

ISAAC L. KIP, *President, pro tem.*
 CORNELIUS HEYER, } *Directors.*
 WM. M'MURRAY, }
 ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New York, June 3, 1829.

Resolved, That so much of the Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, and accompanying documents, as relates to monied concerns, be referred to the Committee on Accounts, and the remainder to the Committee on the Professorate.

Resolved, That so much of the above Report, as relates to the accounts of Synod with Mr. J. R. Hardenbergh, be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, Philip Duryea, W. Eltinge, and the Elder S. De Ridder.

The Committee reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

“ The Committee on the Accounts of Synod with Mr. J. R. Hardenbergh, respectfully submit to Synod the following Report :—

That they find it impracticable to liquidate the accounts between Mr. Hardenbergh and this body ; therefore, wish to refer the subject submitted to them, to the Board of Corporation. in order that the

accounts between Mr. Hardenbergh and said Board, be adjusted as soon as practicable, and they, accordingly, recommend to Synod the adoption of such a course.

JOHN L. ZABRISKIE, *Chairman.*"

Resolved, That the Rev. James Murphy, and John B. Steele, and the Elder Johannis Remsen, be a Committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons, who constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

The Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation :—when Mr. Henry Rutgers, was chosen President ; Messrs. Isaac L. Kip, Cornelius Heyer, and Rev. William Mc Murray, D. D., Directors, and Mr. Isaac Young, Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

The Rev. Gardiner Spring, D. D., and Mr. George Zabriskie, a ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church, appeared in Synod, and, having produced testimonials of their appointment, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, took their seats as corresponding members of the Synod.

The Rev. C. Knaus, of the German Reformed Church, appeared in Synod, and, having produced testimonials of his appointment, took his seat as a Corresponding member.

The following Communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, was received, and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Peter Labagh, J. M. Mathews, D. D., B. C. Taylor, and the Elders David Cole, and Peter Nevius.

“ In the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the 24th of May, A. D. 1827.

“ The Committee, to whom was recommitted the communication from the Reformed Dutch Synod, in relation to the proceedings of the

Presbytery of Columbia, in the case of Leonard B. Van Dyke, made a report, which being read, and amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz :—

“That they have given considerable attention to the subject committed to them, and find the facts to be as follows, viz :—That Leonard B. Van Dyke, was a student of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church, and attached to a Church under the care of the Classis of Albany, belonging to the said Church; that because of doubts entertained by him relative to certain standing articles of faith, of the Reformed Dutch Church, he was refused a Professoral certificate, until his doubts on the points in question should be removed ; and, for that purpose, he was advised to continue in the institution, and pay particular attention to the points on which he doubted ; that with this advice he did not comply, but offered himself to the Presbytery of Columbia, as a candidate for licensure ; and by said Presbytery was received and licensed. Such are the facts in the case, and, in these facts, your Committee are unable to discover any thing, by which the articles of correspondence between this body and an highly respectable sister Church, have been violated. They are, however, of the opinion, that as the change of Church connexions is a serious matter, calculated to affect the peace of the body left, and, therefore, not to be needlessly encouraged ; that the Presbytery of Columbia did not exercise due deliberation in the reception and licensure of Mr. Van Dyke ; and that they would have acted with more propriety, if, instead of receiving information from a member of the Classis of Albany, and acting upon it, as to Mr. Van Dyke's relation to the Judicatories of the Reformed Dutch Church, they had applied to that Classis itself.”

“The foregoing is a true extract from the Records of the General Assembly.

Attestat,

EZRA STILES ELY,

Stated Clerk.”

The Committee to whom the above Communication was referred, reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

“The Committee on the Communication from the General Assembly, beg leave to report :—

“That they have attentively considered the sentiments expressed in the above Communication, and the decision of that highly respectable body, on which they feel no disposition to animadvert. Yet, in order to prevent the recurrence of similar circumstances, which may be unpleasant in their tendency, and calculated to interrupt the harmony which at present exists between the two Churches, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, in order to be communicated to the next General Assembly.

“*Resolved*, (If the General Assembly concur herein,) That the following additional article be added to the article of Correspondence between the two Churches.

“That none of the inferior Judicatories, under the care of the Corresponding Churches, shall be at liberty to admit into their respective bodies, or under their care, any Student, or Licentiate, from the sister Church, without a regular dismissal from the Ecclesiastical body, or Theological Seminary, to which he is considered as attached.

PETER LABAGH, *Chairman.*”

The following Report was received from one of the Members, appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church :—

“The undersigned, one of your Delegates, appointed to attend the last stated meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church, respectfully reports—

“That he has fulfilled his appointment. His reception by that body, was most cordial and brotherly. He has great pleasure in stating, that he was highly gratified with the state and prospects of that sister Church. She is manifestly progressing in intelligence and piety, and labouring to give more efficiency to her government and institutions. Her sphere of influence and usefulness, is wide, and she is labouring with encouraging success to occupy it. Her feelings toward your reverend body, are those of respect and brotherly kindness, which, if reciprocally cherished, may ripen into a closer union of counsel and effort.

Respectfully submitted.

COR'S. C. CUYLER.

Poughkeepsie, 1st June, 1829.”

The following Communication was received from the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, the President of the last General Synod.

I take pleasure in informing Synod, that a friendly letter of correspondence with the General Synod of Holland, agreeably to the resolution of our last General Synod, has recently been prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose, been signed by me as President, and, probably, by this time, is on its way to Holland.

J. SCHOONMAKER.

The following Report was received from the Delegate to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The undersigned begs leave to report to General Synod, that he attended the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, agreeably to his appointment ; and was received by that body with much kindness and respect.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. MATHEWS.

New York, 3d June, 1829.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Correspondence, to report on the expediency of opening a Correspondence with the Reformed Protestant Church of France.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Correspondence, after having given due consideration to the several subjects committed to them, beg leave to submit to Synod the following Report :—

In relation to the Church of Holland, your Committee rejoice to inform Synod, that a friendly Letter of Correspondence with the General Synod of Holland, has lately been forwarded by your Standing Committee of Correspondence, to the Mother Church.

In regard to your correspondence with the Reformed German Church, it appears, from the Report of your Corresponding Delegate,

that he was not only “received with cordiality and brotherly love, but that the feelings of said church toward your reverend body, are those of respect and brotherly kindness, which, if reciprocally cherished, may ripen into a closer union of council and effort.” Your Committee would recommend :—That the correspondence with said Church, be continued; and, that Corresponding Delegates be accordingly appointed.

In reference to your Correspondence with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, your Corresponding Delegate reports—

That he has attended the meeting of said General Assembly, was received with much kindness and respect, and that he had discharged the duties assigned him.

Your Committee recommend the continuance of the aforesaid Correspondence, by the appointment of Delegates, on the part of this Synod.

Your Committee, upon examining the Minutes of General Synod, of the year 1827, find, on page 37, the following Recommendation, *viz* :—“That an overture be made by this body to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, to maintain a correspondence with that reverend body, upon the same terms with the correspondence maintained by this Synod with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.” On this subject, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the Resolution following, *viz* :

Resolved, That the stated Clerk of this Synod be, and is hereby directed, to furnish the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church with an official copy of the aforesaid overture of correspondence between said Churches.

In relation to the expediency of opening a correspondence with the Reformed Protestant Church of France :—On this subject, your Committee would submit for the adoption of Synod, the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That it is deemed expedient immediately to open a correspondence with the Reformed Protestant Church of France.

Resolved, That the Rev. W. Eltinge, W. C. Brownlee, D. D., and the Elder John Nitchie, be appointed a Committee to prepare a

letter on this subject, to be signed by the President and stated Clerk of Synod, and forwarded to the Reformed Protestant Church of France.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILHELMUS ELTINGE, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Rev. W. C. Brownlee, D. D., and the Elder Andrew Howell, be delegates *primarii*, and the Rev. Peter Labagh, and the Elder John Rorer, be delegates *secundi*, to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, That the Rev. G. R. Livingston, and Samuel Van Vechten, be delegates *primarii*, and the Rev. Robert Bronk, and Jacob C. Sears, be delegates *secundi*, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.

In pursuance of previous resolutions, the Synod spent the afternoon and evening of the sixth day of the Session, in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan reported by a Committee of Arrangements.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of Religion, to recommend some standing arrangements for religious exercises, during the stated Sessions of the General Synod.

The Committee on the State of Religion, reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the State of Religion, submit the following Report :—

The movements of the Church of God, have a peculiar claim on the attention of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, and especially, it becomes the highest Judiciary of the church to observe her aspect, and to endeavour to interpret the dispensations of her Head, that measures may be adopted which, under the Divine blessing, may extend her limits. and secure her prosperity.

The Reports of the Particular Synods of New York and Albany, contain a variety of details which calls for our gratitude to Him, who has said of Zion, "This is my rest, here will I dwell, for I have desired it." The churches enjoy peace ; the truths of the Gospel are preached in their purity ; Catechetical and Bible Classes are formed, and awaken an increased interest which affords grounds to hope, that they may become fountains of spiritual health to our Churches.

In the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, it is stated, that in the South Church, and in the Church in Market street, in the city of New York, members have become more awakened to diligence and prayer ; and, while a deep seriousness is apparent in public, there are an unusual number in both these churches now under deep religious impressions. In the church in Orchard street, in the same city, it is said that the influence of the Holy Ghost has been powerful and extensive ; the awfulness of the Divine presence has been felt ; Christians have agonized in prayer for a refreshing from God ; the impenitent have trembled, and, in many cases, broken forth in audible cries for mercy and forgiveness. In the Church at Jamaica, on Long Island, a goodly number have been received into full communion ; considerable seriousness and seeking of God prevails. In the First Church, in Philadelphia, the subduing power of the Divine Spirit has been lately manifested in some remarkable instances. The hoary head has been made to bow to the sceptre of Divine grace, and, from the lips of infancy and youth, praise has been ordained. The state of religion in the Second Church, in the same city, and the prospects of that church, are becoming more encouraging. The Spirit of God has been poured out in copious effusion upon the Church at Kingston, and ninety-four added to the communion. Rhinebeck has been visited with the same showers, while drops from them have likewise descended upon the congregations of Upper Red Hook and Fishkill Landing. In the united churches of Esopus and Hurley, in the Classis of Ulster, there is a happy state of things, and unusually large accessions have been received.

The Report from the Particular Synod of Albany, is defective. In that Report, it is stated, in general, that the Spirit of the Lord has not been so copiously poured out, as in instances heretofore recorded, in any of our congregations. No special revival of religion is re-

ported by any of the Classes. Yet the Lord has not left himself without a witness among us, which should lead to greater diligence and fervency.

Your Committee would add:—Among those institutions which exert an important influence on society and the church of God, Sabbath Schools occupy a distinguished place. The schools are increasing in number, and the system having received the improvements suggested by experience, cannot fail, with the blessing of God, to produce results which will be felt in the present prosperity of the Church of God, and extend their benign influence to generations to come.

Your Committee rejoice to observe an increased attention to meetings for prayer and religious conference. The spirit of prayer is the best indication of the state of vital religion, and a harbinger of blessing. As this prevails, our churches may be expected to present the aspect of the primitive churches “walking in the fear of God, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost.”

Our Theological School is in successful operation. Messengers of salvation are sent forth into the vineyard of the Lord. There is a want of labourers, but it is hoped, that, under the blessing of God, on our Education Society, young men, whose hearts glow with love to God, will be thrust forth to gather the harvest. There has been an awakened attention to divine things among several of the students in Rutgers College. Present appearances are favourable. Let our churches wrestle with importunity, that these drops may be the precursors of a copious shower; thus may we expect, that the number of those who devote themselves to the ministry of the word, will be increased, and a hallowed influence spread through the different departments of society.

The Missionary operations of the church, are essential to her prosperity. While the indifference of former years is viewed with regret, we have reason to be thankful, that sympathy is excited in behalf of those who are destitute of the stated preaching of the gospel. A degree of success has attended the labours of our Missionaries, which ought to animate us to more vigorous efforts to build our “waste places.” The field is large, our churches possess sufficient resources, and, we trust, there is an increase of Christian en-

terprise, which will not hesitate to "devise liberal things," "that Zion may put on her beautiful garments, and Jerusalem become the praise of the whole earth."

It is gratifying to witness an increase of a spirit of harmony, which, producing a combination of counsel, resources, and efforts, may justify the expectation, that churches may be planted in places hitherto desolate,—feeble congregations strengthened—and that the visitations of grace, descending, as "the dew on Hermon," on all our churches, they may send forth the fragrance of a field which the Lord hath blessed.

The Bible and Tract operations of the day, are cherished and supported generally in our churches, and, we trust, that their claims will receive increased attention. Societies for the promotion of temperance, are established in many of our congregations, and will have a happy tendency to arrest the progress of that debasing and destructive vice.

But while there is much to animate us, there is still abundant cause of lamentation, that among many who profess to be the disciples of the Son of God, a spirit of lukewarmness and indifference prevails, and a conformity to the world, which ought to lead to earnest supplication, that He, with whom is the residue of the Spirit, would "strengthen the things which remain, and which are ready to die."

Our lot is cast in an interesting period. It becomes us, as "observers of the signs of the times," to view the condition of the church. The slumber of ages is broken. In a degree hitherto unknown, the church, collectively, in her efforts to enlarge the boundaries of the Redeemer's kingdom, is giving an impressive proof that "faith worketh by love." Let us awake to a deeper sense of our responsibility. In our respective spheres, let us exert our influence to promote the kingdom of our Redeemer in the world. Confiding in the promise of the King of Zion, that all flesh shall see the salvation of God, not wasting our time or energies in calculations on probabilities as to results, but diligent, faithful, submissive to Him, who "has reserved the seasons in his own power," and employing the instrument which God has selected for subduing the world, let us dismiss the suggestions of unbelief and despondency, assured, that at the appointed time, the vision will surely come, it will not tarry.

In obedience to the direction of Synod, to recommend some standing arrangement for religious exercises during the stated sessions of Synod, your Committee would recommend the following resolution, viz:—

Resolved, That the afternoon of the first day of every stated session of General Synod, be hereafter devoted to exercises of prayer and praise.

Accompanying this Report, are the Statistical Tables.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PETER LABAGH, *Chairman*.

The following resolutions were submitted, and *unanimously* adopted:—

Whereas it is important, that the Statistical Reports, from our Churches, should be regularly made to Synod, and, whereas, some Classes have made no returns at all, and many Churches, have been habitually negligent in making full returns; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this subject be earnestly recommended to the attention of all our Classes and Churches.

2. *Resolved*, That whenever any of the Churches shall be delinquent, in making their Statistical Reports, the Classis be advised, to supply such neglect, by inserting the last Report from said Churches, and add a note of explanation of this fact.

3. *Resolved*, That the Stated Clerks of the several Classis, be requested to send annually, a copy of their Statistical Reports to the Stated Clerk of General Synod.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
New York	G. A. Kuypers John Knox W. C. Brownlee Thomas Dewitt	415	1973		23	15	19		7	500	35	1
North West	George Dubois	225	1225	525	17	30	8	4	8	552	45	4
Greenwich	N. I. Marselus	200	1050	243	23	12	6		3	269	37	1
Broome Street	J. Brodhead	180		169						188	36	1
Houston Street	Eli Baldwin	100	500	130	2	9	4	2	3	132	24	2
Bloomingdale	A. Gunn			51		4				55	15	
Haerlem	C. C. Vermeule	90		56					1	60	3	2
Fordham	J. F. Jackson			36								
Tarrytown	T. G. Smith	120		144		5	3			190	8	1
Staten Island	P. I. Van Pelt	211	847	178	2	5				183	23	
African Church												

Minister without charge—Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
South Church	J. M. Mathews	220	1100	404	3	14	6	2		413	49	3
Market Street	W. M. Murray	250	1200	337	10	13	4		4	352	25	2
Tompkinsville	J. E. Miller	52	260	37	2	4	2	1		40	13	1
Courtlandtown	A. Hoffman	50	250							40	10	
Orchard Street	J. H. Teller	135	675	96	9	22	7			120	12	7

Ministers without charges—Rev. Alexander Denham, David S. Bogart, and William Boyce.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
					On Certificate.	On Confession.						
New Brunswick*	J. B. Hardenbergh	320			10	13	15		4	325	31	2
Six Mile Run	James Romeyn				9	12	7			202	34	
Raritan	R. D. Vankleek	251	1654	362	5	2	10	1	4	355	35	1
Hillsborough	John L. Zabriskie	130			7	7	7		7			
Bedminster	Isaac M. Fisher	200	1200		7	6	3	5	1	250	28	1
North Branch	George H. Fisher						2		2	69	12	
Lebanon and }	Jacob I. Shultz	122	753	107	1	2			4	106	21	1
Rockaway }		66	420	90						90	19	
Spotswood	Henry L. Rice	210	1260	65	2	5	3	2	2	70	6	4
Freehold	S. A. Van Vranken	130	980			28						
Middletown	J. T. B. Beekman	115	600		1	23			1		6	8
Walpack	Isaac S. Demund											
Minissink and }	Cornelius C. Elting											
Mahackamak }												

Ministers without charges—Rev. John Cornell, John Mulligan, and John S. Mabon.

* One case of excommunication has taken place in the Church at New Brunswick.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.
					On Certificate.	On Confession.						
Bergen	B. C. Taylor	165	948	196	1	9	11	1	1	193	20	1
Hackensack and } Schraalenberg }	J. V. C. Romeyn											
E. Neighbourhood	P. Duryea											
Belleville	G. Abeel											
Stonehouse Plains	Vacant											
Fairfield		170	1000		2	2			3	100	27	
Pompton	Vacant											
Pompton Plains	Vacant											
Montville	Vacant											
Ponds	Z. H. Kuypers	65	353		5	4				55	15	
Preakness		55	258		3	3				45	12	
Wyckoff		78	457		2	5				59	16	
Bergen Neck	Vacant	50	300		8					8		

Ministers without charges—Rev. John Duryea, P. Stryker, J. G. Tarbell, S. Van Santvoord, A. Neal, A. Messler, R. C. Shineall, and J. G. Ogilvie.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.
Tappan	N. Lansing	132	565						4	129	15
Clarkstown	do.	150	701						3	156	26
Saddle River	S. Goetschius										
Pasgack	do.										
Paramus		170	1050	236	4	3				243	20
First Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa	W. Eltinge	125	575	84	4	4				92	16
Second Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa	J. T. Field.	120			2	3			1	52	1
Warwick	J. I. Christie	72			2	1	3	2	5	65	7
Ackquachinunck	Vacant										
West N. Hempstead	J. Wynkoop										
Ramapo	do.										
Hackensack and Schraalenberg	Vacant										

CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.
Brooklyn	P. P. Rouse	90	600	99	2	5	2		1	103	7	
New Utrecht	John Beattie											
Gravesend	Vacant											
Flatlands	Wm. Crookshank	80										
New Lots	do.	80										
Flatbush	Thomas M. Strong	80	650	113	2	6	3		3	115	8	
Bushwick	Stephen H. Meeker	70		90	2	2	1		2	91	19	2
Newtown	J. Schoonmaker	84	580	91	2	4			4	93	10	
Jamaica	do.	120	800	108	2	15			12	113	23	
North Hempstead	James Otterson	37	198						4	33	4	1
Oysterbay	do.	59	285		1	1			3	61	2	

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
First R. D. Phil.	G. R. Livingston	300	1500	462	146	9	4	4	4	492	25	15
Second R. D. do.	J. C. Sears			87	2	7	3	1	1	95	7	1
Harlingen	P. Labagh	151		205	1	6	1		3	207	37	3
North Branch	J. Van Lieu	240			2	4					39	
New Shannack	G. Ludlow	180	900	141	7	10			5	152	27	3
North and South Hampton	Vacant	76	456		1				1	68	2	
Manayunk Missionary Station												

Minister without charge—Jacob Larzalere.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Poughkeepsie	C. C. Cuyler			325	7	3	1	9		319	4	2
Fishkill	C. D. Westbrook											
Fishkill Landing	W. S. Heyer	75	450	93	8	18	3			115	12	4
Linlithgow	E. Holmes	114	820	108*	1	6		1	3	111	23	1
Red Hook	A. N. Kittle			97	11				3	105	14	1
Rhinebeck	G. W. Bethune	185	1050	177*	37	6			5	203	16	
Hopewell	C. Whitehead											
New Hackensack	M. W. Dwight	120	600	149	1			1	1	148	6	1
Greenbush	H. Vedder				2						20	
Taghkanick	do.				3						25	
Hyde Park	Vacant											
Kingston	J. Gosman	280	1750	366	6	94		2	5	459	48	4
Red Hook Landing	Vacant											

* Last year's Reports erroneous.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Church of Albany	John Ludlow											
2d Ch. of do.	Isaac Ferris	250	1400	264	9	5	4	2	7	267	12	1
Washington and Gibbonsville	Robert Bronk	80	380	62	4	8	2		2	70	5	2
Salem	J. C. Boice	120		66		4				70	23	
Union	Do.	100		38	2	11				51	17	
Westerlo	Abraham Fort	60	300					3	2	45	2	
Coxsackie	Jer. Searle											
Bethlehem and Jerusalem	Samuel Kissam											
Coeymans	Vacant											

Ministers without charges—Rev. H. Van Huysen, Mr. Ames, P. Van Zandt.

CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Bloomingsburgh and Rome	S. Van Vechten	120	600	77								
Montgomery	Vacant											
Shawangunk and New Prospect	Do.											
Esopus	B. Van Keuren											
Bloomingsdale	Do.											
Hurley	Vacant											
Warwarsing	B. B. Westfall	300	1777	80								
Rochester	Do.	130										
Clove												
Ashokan												
Woodstock												
Fallsburgh												
Flatbush	Peter A. Overbagh											
Saugerties	Henry Ostrander	200	1200	232	2	2	3		3	230	33	1
New-Paltz	Wm. R. Bogardus	204	1350	170	2	12			2	184	40	2
New-Hurley	F. Van Derveer	164	980	140	2	7	1		3	145	32	
Berea	J. B. Ten Eyck	96	480	72	7	11	2		1	87	18	1

Minister without charge—Rev. A. G. Wilson.

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

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CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

[illegible]

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.			
		Number of Families	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd.		On Certificate.	On Confession.	Suspended.	Dismissed.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Ovid	Asa Bennet	140		108	10	15	1	2				133	17	4
Sand Beach	Henry Heermance	80		68		2	1	1				68		
Owasco	C. Ten Eyck	120		129										
Six Mile Creek	G. Mandeville			48										
Cato	Vacant	34	172	18										
Lysander	Vacant													
Chittenengo	Vacant													

Ministers without charges—Rev. A. Yates, D. D., J. A. Yates, J. F. Morris.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

No Report.

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

No Report.

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

No Report.

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes, reported, and their Report was accepted, and is as follows :—

“ The Committee on Synodical Minutes, report—

“ That they have examined the Minutes of the last General Synod, and the Minutes of the Particular Synods of New York and Albany, and find nothing requiring the attention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Chairman.*”

The Committee on Overtures, submitted the following Report, which was accepted :—

“ The Committee on Overtures, report—

“ That nothing has come before them, claiming the attention of Synod.

THOMAS G. SMITH, *Chairman.*”

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.*Doctrines and Morals.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.*Customs and Usages.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.*Schools and Christian Education.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XIII.*Rutgers' College.*

The following Report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers' College, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

“The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers' College, are happy to be able to report to Synod, that the College continues fully to realize the hopes of its friends, and is advancing in prosperity and usefulness.

“The present number of regular students, is 64 ; of whom, 18 belong to the Senior, 22 to the Junior, 19 to the Sophomore, and 5 to the Freshman Class.

“General health has prevailed in the Institution. Professor Nelson, however, is now only convalescing ; having been seriously indisposed. Mr. Mulligan, the able instructor of the Grammar School, is, in the mean time, attending to the Classical Department in College. Cases of delinquency, during the past year, have occurred, and, in a few instances, the Faculty have found themselves under the painful necessity

of resorting to the higher grades of discipline. The general conduct of the students, however, has been good, and the proficiency of many, in all the classes, has been distinguished.

“Several of the Professors have, with laudable zeal for the advancement of the College, added to their labours and extended their instruction on their appropriate branches, beyond the limits prescribed in the statutes.

“A course of Chemical lectures has been afforded to the students during the last winter.

“The Library and Philosophical apparatus have been increased, but still require the liberal regards of our friends. Regulations have been made with respect to Boarding-houses for Students, which, it is believed, will be salutary in their results. The undersigned, in this brief report, cannot forbear expressing their entire satisfaction with the ability, diligence, and zeal, with which the Professors have performed their arduous labours. In conclusion, we earnestly commend the College to the favourable regard and patronage of every member of the Synod. We ask for your prayers on its behalf, and that you will, by every liberal and honourable means in your power, co-operate with those to whom the immediate management of its affairs is entrusted, in promoting its interests and prosperity.

“The undersigned herewith submit to the inspection of Synod, the Report which they have received from the Faculty of the College, containing a detailed account of the present state of the Institution, and of its history during the past year.

CHARLES SMITH,
CORNELIUS L. HARDENBERGH,
JAMES B. HARDENBERGH,
JOHN KNOX,
ISAAC L. KIP,
ABRAHAM VAN NEST,

} *Superintendents.*

New York, June 4, 1829.”

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Trustees of Rutgers' College, that in their future appropriations to the incumbents on the Van Benschooten and Knox funds, said incumbents be allowed not more than ninety dollars per annum.

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Eli Baldwin, S. A. Van Vranken, and I. Ferris; and Elders Messrs. Abraham Bloodgood, Christian Miller, and Andrew Howell, be appointed a Committee to solicit donations, to be applied to the erection or purchase of a building for the purpose of boarding Students in Commons.

Whereas, the Board of Superintendents of the Theological School, have requested the Board of Trustees of Rutgers' College, to pay one hundred and fifty dollars, for instruction in the grammatical knowledge of Hebrew; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be authorized to pay the same.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

Resolved, That after the present term for which the Board of Superintendents have been elected shall expire, the Classis of New York shall be entitled only to an equal representation in said Board with the other Classes.

The following persons were appointed members of the Board of Superintendents, viz :

Rev. Philip Duryea, for the Classis of Bergen, in the room of the Rev. J. Cornelison, deceased.

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, for the Classis of Paramus, in the place of Rev. B. C. Taylor, removed to the Classis of Bergen.

Rev. Isaac S. Ketcham, for the Classis of Montgomery, in the place of Rev. P. P. Rouse, removed to the Classis of Long Island.

Rev. Isaac P. Labagh, for the Classis of Washington, in the place of Rev. P. Duryea, removed to the Classis of Bergen.

Rev. Asa Bennett, for the Classis of Cayuga, in the place of Rev. A. Messler, removed within the bounds of the Classis of Bergen.

The Rev. William M. Murray, D. D., and John E. Miller, were elected for the South Classis of New York.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the Professorate have carefully examined the various matters referred to them, and they submit to the consideration of General Synod the following report :

The first thing which they would present to the notice of General Synod, is the Theological Seminary. This sacred institution has the strongest claims upon the affections of the Church, and commends itself to her unwearied exertions and fervent prayers. The Church has laboured and toiled much to bring it to its present state, and she may now look back upon the past, and bless her Lord for the success which has crowned her efforts.

It is gratifying to assure the Synod that the general aspect and prospects of the Seminary are encouraging ; and the Committee feel no hesitation in commending it to the Church as an institution of sacred science, in which all our youth may obtain a finished Theological Education.

The course of study which is prescribed, embraces every subject which claims the attention of any kindred seminaries in our country, and the government which is exercised over the students is paternal. While every pains is taken on the part of the Professors to instil into the minds of the pupils under their care correct notions of truth, there is no disposition to retain any against their wishes who do not or can not accord with them in their sentiments. The power of dismissal is lodged, as your Committee conceive, where it should be, in the hands of a Board of Superintendents, composed of two ministers in each Classis, in whom the Church have full confidence that nothing of lording or tyranny will ever be permitted.

The object to which our unwearied efforts should be directed, is to maintain the Theological Seminary with all its present advantages ; if possible, to increase them, and the Committee would especially urge upon the Church the necessity of bringing forward indigent young men, of unquestioned piety and distinguished talents, who desire to devote themselves to the Gospel ministry. This subject has been urged upon the Churches in resolutions of former Synods, and since a Board of Education has been organized among us, another inducement is presented to urge them onward in this holy charity, and new facilities are afforded to prosecute it to the best advantage.

Closely allied to the Theological College, is the Literary Institution. The recent measures which led to its revival, seem to have been suggested by the strong conviction that it would prove a nursery to the Theological Department. This, your Committee are happy to say, has already been realized. God, during the past year, has smiled upon this seat of science, and by the effusions of the Holy Spirit, a goodly number have been, as we hope, brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, and are striving to consecrate themselves to him in the work of the Gospel Ministry.

What a motive is derived from this testimony of divine approbation upon our past efforts, to extend to this institution our fostering care, and to cherish its growing prosperity with untiring zeal.

Let us not conclude from its present favourable condition that our work is done. Much, very much remains to be accomplished. Though the number of its students is more than might have been anticipated during the short period of its existence, yet they are not as numerous as they should be, or as they will be, if our clergy and our laity, combining their whole strength and influence, make it the object of their patronage.

If the calculation be made, how easy would it be, with this combined influence, to add twenty-five annually to the number of its pupils. This annual addition would keep up the permanent number of one hundred students; and though our Church is not extensive, yet who can believe that by unity of effort, twenty-five students can not be annually obtained to prosecute their studies in this seminary. We could wish that the ministry of the Church would regard the subject in this light, and we are persuaded that there is more probability that the number would exceed than fall below one hundred.

If such an accession should be made from year to year, it would not only place Rutgers College upon elevated ground, but it would furnish the means of adding to the number of its professors, and realize the most sanguine hopes which have ever been indulged of its future prosperity.

Your Committee are happy to perceive from the report of the Faculty of the College, accompanying the report of the Board of Superintendents, that a cabinet of Mineralogy has been commenced during the past year, consisting of 300 different specimens; that a society of Natural History has been organized by the students, and

two additional cabinets prepared for the reception of natural curiosities. It is hoped, that as the friends of science as well as religion, we will not regard these things as unworthy our attention ; but that many valuable donations will be made from time to time to these several cabinets.

Your Committee have also been directed by the report of the Faculty of the College to the necessity of making some provision for the repairs of the College building the increase of the Library, and for a permanent course of lectures on Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology, during the winter season. Such a course of lectures has been delivered the past winter to the students, by an individual for \$300 ; the expense of which was defrayed by voluntary subscriptions of the Professors, Students, and gentlemen resident in the city of New Brunswick. Convinced of the importance of these suggestions, the following resolutions are recommended for adoption :

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College be authorized to appropriate from any surplus funds in their possession such money as may be requisite for making the necessary repairs to the College during the current year.

Resolved, That we deem the increase of the Library of great importance to the prosperity of the Literary and Theological Institutions, and therefore request the ministers to present in such way as they deem best, this subject to their respective congregations ; and that the Agent of the Board of Corporation make this an object of special attention in prosecuting the business of his Agency.

In addition to this resolution, which was urged upon the Synod at their last session, *Resolved*, That a special effort be made throughout all the churches to realize, if possible, at least \$2000, to be collected by agents specially appointed for this purpose,—\$1600 to be applied to the increase of the Library, and \$400 for a course of Lectures on Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology.

Resolved, That the following agents be appointed to collect funds for the above purpose, and remit the same immediately to the Treasurer of General Synod.

Classis of Paramus.—AGENTS.

First Church of Totowa, Ackquachimunck, Paramus. Rev. W. Eltinge. and C. Z. Paulison.

Second Church of Totowa, Ramapo, Hempstead, Saddle River, Pasgack. Rev. J. T. Field, and J. Wynkoop.

Warwick, Rev. J. I. Christie.

Tappan, and Clarkstown. Rev. J. T. Field, and Rev. C. Z. Paulison.

Classis of Bergen — AGENTS.

Bergen Neck, and Bergen, English Neighbourhood, Hackensack, and Schralenberg. Rev. P. Duryee.

Ponds, Preakness, and Wyckoff, Belleville, Stonehouse Plains, Fairfield. Rev. G. Abeel, and Rev. J. G. Ogilvie.

Pompton, Pompton Plains, Montville. Rev. Abm. Messler, and Rev. Z. Kuypers.

Classis of Philadelphia.—AGENTS.

First Church of Philadelphia, Second Church of Philadelphia, North and South Hampton. Rev. G. R. Livingston, and J. C. Sears.

Harlingen, New Shannock, North Branch at Redington. Rev. P. Labagh, G. Ludlow.

Classis of New Brunswick.—AGENTS.

New Brunswick, Six Mile Run, Hillsborough. Rev. J. B. Hardenbergh, and Rev. J. Romeyn.

Raritan, North Branch, Bedminster. Rev. R. D. Vankleek, and G. H. Fisher.

Spotswood, Freehold, Middletown. Rev. S. Van Vranken, and H. L. Rice.

Lebanon and Rockaway, Minissink and Mahakkamak. Rev. C. C. Eltinge, and J. I. Schultz.

Classis of New York.—AGENTS.

Church of New York, North West Church. Rev. J. Knox, D.D., and T. De Witt, D.D.

Broome Street, Houston Street, Bloomingdale. Rev. J. Brodhead, D.D., and E. Baldwin.

Haerlem, Fordham, Tarrytown. Rev. T. G. Smith, and C. C. Vermeule.

Staten Island, Greenwich. Rev. N. I. Marselus, and P. I. Van Pelt.

South Classis of New York.—AGENTS.

Garden Street, Market Street, Orchard Street. Rev. J. M. Mathews, D.D., and J. E. Miller.

Tompkinsville. Rev. Wm. McMurray, D.D.

Courtlandtown. Rev. J. M. Mathews, D.D.

Classis of Long Island.—AGENTS.

Brooklyn, Bushwick. Rev. P. P. Rouse.

New Utrecht, Gravesend. Rev. S. H. Meeker.

Flatbush, Flatlands, New Lots. Rev. J. Schoonmaker.

Jamaica, Newtown, Success, North Hempstead, Oysterbay. Rev. T. M. Strong, W. Crookshank, and J. Otterson.

Classis of Poughkeepsie.—AGENTS..

Poughkeepsie, Hopewell, Hackensack. Rev. C. Whitehead, and G. W. Bethune.

Rhinebeck, Hyde Park, Redhook, Linlithgow. Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D.D., C. D. Westbrook, and E. Holmes,

Fishkill, Fishkill Landing, Kingston. Rev. J. Gosman, and W. S. Heyer.

Greenbush and Taghkanick. Rev. M. W. Dwight.

Classis of Albany.—AGENTS.

Churches of Albany, Washington and Gibbonsville. Rev. J. Ludlow, D.D., and R. Bronk.

Coxsackie, Bethlehem, Coeymans. Rev. I. Ferris, and J. Searle.

Jerusalem, Sluyter, Union, Westerlo. Rev. S. Kissam, and J. C. Boice.

Classis of Rensselaer.—AGENTS.

Catskill, Athens. Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, and C. Van Cleef.

Nassau, Greenbush, Blooming-grove. Rev. A. H. Dumont, and P. S. Wynkoop.

Kinderhook, Schodack, Claverack. Rev. R. Sluyter, and J. Sickels.
Ghent, and Hillsdale. Rev. P. S. Wynkoop.

Classis of Ulster.—AGENTS.

New Paltz, New Hurley, Shawangunk, New Prospect. Rev. W. R. Bogardus, and F. H. Vanderveer.

Bloomington, Rome, Montgomery, Berea. Rev. S. Van Vechten, and J. B. Ten Eyck.

Rochester, Warwarsing, Clove. Rev. B. B. Westfall.

Marbletown, Esopus, Hurley, Bloomingdale. Rev. B. Van Keuren.

Saugerties, Flatbush, Woodstock, Ashokan. Rev. H. Ostrander.

Classis of Cayuga.—AGENTS.

Owasco, and Sand Beach. Rev. C. Ten Eyck, and Rev. H. Heermance.

Ovid, Six Mile Creek, Cato. Rev. Asa Bennet, and Rev. G. Mandeville.

Classis of Schoharie.—AGENTS.

Sharon, New Rhinebeck, Cobleskill, Broom, Blenheim, Windham, and Roxbury. Rev. W. Paige, and Rev. Henry A. Raymond.

Oak Hill, Middleburgh, and Breakabin. Rev. Stephen Ostrander, and Rev. John Garretson.

Schoharie, Root, and Beaver Dam. Rev. P. Weidman, and Rev. John H. Van Wagenen.

Classis of Schenectady.—AGENTS.

Schenectady, Niskeuna, and Amity. Rev. J. Murphy, J. Van Vechten, and J. M'Kelvy.

Princetown, 1st and 2d church of Rotterdam. Rev. T. Romeyn and J. Boyd.

Helderbergh, and 1st church of Glenville. Rev. E. Slingerland.

Second church of Glenville, and Boght. Rev. J. Murphy, and Rev. J. B. Steele.

Classis of Washington.—AGENTS.

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda, and Rev. I. P. Labagh.

Classis of Montgomery.—AGENTS.

Rev. Douw Van O. Linda, and Rev. I. S. Ketcham.

We cannot pass from the Literary institution, without expressing the strong conviction which is felt, that the Church ought not to rest in her efforts, until two more professors be added to the present number. It should be our ambition to make this a first rate seat of science. When we reflect upon what has already been done, we must be satisfied, that this is altogether practicable. We have the ability, and it needs only the will to carry our designs into effect.

3. From the report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, we derive satisfactory evidence, that the individuals who compose it, have attended with their accustomed ability and fidelity to the financial concerns of the Church.

In relation to the several items referred to in their Report, claiming the attention of Synod, the Committee submit the following resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That the Board be authorized to obtain from the Trustees of Rutgers' College, a quit-claim of their rights to certain lands, specified in their Report of 1829, and that they be empowered to redeem one of these lots, which has been sold for taxes, if they think it adviseable, and to sell the said lands for what price they can obtain for the same.

2. *Resolved*, That the Church, feeling the necessity of diminishing the number of collections which have, in former years, been imposed upon the Congregations under their care; and believing, that in so doing, a greater amount will be realized to the treasury, do earnestly recommend upon all the Ministers and Consistories, to make one general collection on the first Sabbath of November, if practicable, or, as soon thereafter as possible, in behalf of the Theological College, and on the first Sabbath of May, or as soon thereafter as possible, a collection of twenty-five cents from each and every communicant belonging to the Church; and that the Board of Direction of the Corporation, be instructed to send *special* Circulars on the subject of these collections, to all the Churches.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Corporation be empowered during the current year, to employ an agent, or agents, for a term, or terms, not less than one, nor more than three months, in succession, unless renewed; the winter months being excluded.

4. *Resolved*, 'That the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, designate, from time to time, the individual to be supported from the avails of the Heyer Scholarship.

It appears, moreover, from the Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, that the munificent grant of the Consistories of the Collegiate Church in the city of New York, in support of one of the Theological professors, will terminate on the 9th of November next. Your Committee believe, that from the present circumstances of that Consistory, it would not be magnanimous for this Synod to solicit a continuation of the grant.

5. Your Committee have had under consideration, a petition from the Students of the Theological College, requesting that an alteration may be made in the time of their annual examination, from the week succeeding to the week preceding the commencement in Rutgers' College.

Upon a careful and deliberate examination of this subject, your Committee cannot accede to the request of the Students, but recommend the adoption of the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the annual examination of the Theological College, be held in the month of April, on the Tuesday immediately succeeding the close of the winter session.

6. The Committee have had before them, an application for a dispensation in behalf of A. Marcelus, now a member of the Theological College, that he may be allowed a few months of the commencement of his first year, and of Samuel Treadwell, a young man of colour, that he be licensed to preach the Gospel, so soon as he shall be found prepared by the Classis of New York.

Resolved, That said dispensations be granted.

7. From an application of John C. Baldwin, referred to your Committee, it appears, that he applied to this Synod, at its last meeting, to receive aid from the Benschoten fund, and was, on account of the then appropriation of that fund, referred to the Education Society, by whom he has been aided till this time. He now makes application to be transferred from the Education Society to the Van Benschoten fund, for his support in the Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That his request be granted ; that he be so transferred ; and he is hereby recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers' College.

In reviewing the various matters embraced in this Report, there is one point which your Committee desire to impress upon the General Synod, and, through them, upon the Churches under their care. They refer to the collections necessary to sustain her operations. It is true, many parts of the Church have distinguished themselves by a noble liberality in behalf of our Literary and Theological institutions. But, as the Permanent Fund has never yet been sufficient, by its proceeds, to meet the salaries of the three Theological professors, it must be obvious to every reflecting mind, that some collections are indispensably necessary ; and, since the Synod have reduced the whole number to a single one, together with a contribution of twenty-five cents, from every communicant, none ought, and, we trust, none will complain of the slight burden which is imposed upon them.

Indeed, it seems necessary to keep alive some feeling and interest on the part of the Church, in behalf of the institution, that they should be reminded of its existence and dependance by an annual collection.

But we are persuaded, that the difficulties which may exist in obtaining the amount of the sum requisite to carry forward our operations, do not arise from an unwillingness on the part of the people to contribute ; we believe, that if the ministers are faithful to carry this measure into effect, and will only present the object to the people, that every thing will be accomplished that can be desired. Under this conviction, we would appeal to the ministers who are here present, and to all who hold a place in the Church, and by every motive connected with her welfare and prosperity, urge upon them to remember the school of the prophets, and to regard its interests as identified with the glorious extension of the kingdom of the Son of God in our world.

J. LUDLOW. *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

John C. Baldwin, having applied to this Synod, at its last meeting, to receive aid from the Benschoten fund, was, on account of the then appropriation of that fund, referred to the Education Society, by whom he has been aided till this time. He now makes application to

be transferred from the Education Society to the Van Benschoten fund, for his support in the Theological Seminary. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That his case be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The seventh Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, was presented to Synod, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. Henry Ostrander was appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, at the next stated meeting of Synod, and the Rev. Eli Baldwin was appointed his *secundus*.

The Committee on Missions reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

“The Committee on Missions report, that they have examined, with great pleasure, the Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, and find, that the Missionary concerns of the Church, have been conducted with unabated faithfulness, and encouraging success. They recommend the Report to Synod for their approbation, that it may be printed and published by the Board.

“It appears, that during the past year, ‘fifteen Missionaries have been employed, and aid has been furnished to twenty weak Churches.’ The labours of the Missionaries have been universally received with attention and gratitude, and, in some instances, have been visibly

owned by the head of the Church, in the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers.

“ During the same period, \$4470 71, have been received into the Treasury, and \$4029 60, have been expended.

“ The Committee would recommend to the particular attention of Synod, the following quotation from the Report, as presenting a subject of vital importance, connected with our Missionary interests.— ‘ The Board of Managers have been embarrassed in their operations, by the great want of suitable Missionaries. In consequence, several Missionary stations, which we anxiously desired to furnish with supplies, have remained unoccupied. The number of young men, who, for some time, have annually proceeded from our Theological School, has hardly corresponded to the number of vacant established Churches, who stood ready to offer them a settlement. The cause of education in our own Church, stands identified with the Missionary cause, in promoting its strength and prosperity. And, when we look beyond to the wide-spread wants, we cannot but remember, that *the harvest is great, but the labourers are few*, and we must feel urged to *pray to the Lord of the harvest, to thrust forth many labourers into the harvest.*’ The fact here stated, cannot fail to excite every lover of Zion, not only to unite with the Board in the prayer they recommend, but to united and vigorous exertion, that this obstacle, which has so long been standing in the way of our growth and extension, may be removed.

“ Another extract, the Committee deem it important to offer to the notice of the Synod, which is calculated to present the prospects of the Missionary cause in a cheering light.— ‘ We deem the appointment of an agent to explore the whole Church, and to subserve the interests of the Missionary cause, by all appropriate means, as a measure of vital importance. It has been found so in all similar and kindred institutions. It explains much of the secret of their success. Without such an agency, the spirit excited will gradually decline, perhaps expire, at least in many parts of the Church. The motion of the machinery employed, will more and more spend itself; and a new impetus will be required. Had we enjoyed the services of such an agent, the revenue of the Society would, doubtless, have been found still advancing. We are happy to state, that we have, at last, obtained the services of the Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, who recently

signified his acceptance of the appointment. His character and experience, furnish a pledge for his skill, activity, fidelity, and efficiency.' The Synod will, no doubt, feel a high degree of satisfaction in this important measure of the Board of Managers, and will cordially unite with them in 'commending their Agent most affectionately to all the Churches.'

"The Committee cannot feel, that they have discharged their duty, without presenting to the consideration of Synod, another important subject, in the words of the Report:—"It has been found, by a careful inspection of the papers and documents of the Society, since its formation," that, at different times, eighty auxiliaries have been reported, and that, out of these, there are thirty-two, from whom we have, as yet, received nothing. Where is the Congregation, within the bounds of our Church, that will not readily contribute to constitute their Pastor a member for life? thus yielding, at once, their tribute of affection to him, and their mite of help to the best of causes? Will not many, at once, constitute their Pastors *directors* for life? Will not many of our men of wealth, or competence, enrol themselves in our list of life directors, or members, as yet so small? It is hoped, that this appeal of the Board, may not be in vain.

It is obvious, that our Churches have never put forth their strength in this cause. While many have done nothing, none have done according to their ability and obligation. It were needless now to search after causes, which may have prevented cordial co-operation, or which may have retarded a cause which recommends itself to all our partialities. It is hoped, that the time is come, when a spirit of conciliation will prevail; and that, whatever interest may be taken in objects connected with the general religious charities of the day; or, whatever may be the difference of opinion with regard to objects, not immediately connected with our own denomination, there will be but one sentiment with respect to the importance of giving an efficient support to our own institutions, and of putting forth every effort to give them a successful operation. It is believed, that, on this subject, there is but one heart and voice. Let us work together in this, and every other department of labour connected with the well-being and prosperity of our Zion, in the spirit of love and forbearance, only provoking one another to love and good works, and a vast, and increasing impulse will be given, and we will feel, under the Divine

blessing, the possession of the strength, which is the result of united and well-directed exertion. There are means in our Churches of a great extension of the sphere of Missionary operation, and we doubt not a willingness on the part of those in whose hands they are placed, to contribute all that is wanting in the adoption of proper measures to bring them forth. Such measures, we believe, the Board are now pursuing, and, it is confidently expected, that all will come up to the work of the Lord, and, in their several places, and spheres, do their duty. Then will the Lord grant us increase; and God, even our God, shall bless us.

The Committee beg leave to propose the following Resolutions, viz:—

1. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Ministers, Consistories, and Members of our Church, to afford their aid to the Education Board, as an important auxiliary to the Missionary Society, and to endeavour to bring forward youth of piety, and talent, to be educated for the Gospel ministry.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Ministers, Consistories, and Members of the Churches, to receive cordially the General Agent appointed by the Board of Managers, and to afford him every encouragement and facility in carrying into effect the important objects of his agencies.

3. *Resolved*, That those Auxiliary Societies which have either heretofore contributed nothing to the funds of the Board, or which have declined in their operations, be requested, as speedily as possible, to re-organize, and become active assistants in promoting the cause of Missions in our bounds.

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the different Churches, to take measures to make their Ministers directors, or members for life, of the Society; and that individuals of wealth and competence, are respectfully invited to aid this cause, by becoming life-members, or directors, by the necessary contribution.

5. *Resolved*, That if a day of Thanksgiving should be observed this year, it be recommended to the Churches to take up a collection on that day, or on some other day soon afterward, for the Missionary Fund.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. MCMURRAY, *Chairman*.

The Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D., preached the annual Missionary Sermon, before Synod, (from Malachi i. 11.) in the Middle Dutch Church, in the evening of the first Sabbath after the meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE XIX:

Widows' Fund.

The Committee on the Widows' Fund, being called upon, were not ready to report.

Resolved, That the Committee be continued, and that they be directed to report at the next stated meeting of the Synod.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten, was read.

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Livingston, Bogardus, Bethune, and Crookshank, be a Committee to prepare a list of the names of all our ministers and candidates, designating those who have no pastoral charges; also, of all our Churches, and that the same be appended to the Minutes of this Session.

The Committee reported, and their Report was adopted. (*See Appendix.*)

Resolved, That the Rev. T. M. Strong, John Garretson, and the Elder A. G. Van Kenren, be a Committee to ascertain the arrearages due from the several Classes for Minutes of Synod.

The Committee reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee. to whom was referred the subject of ascertaining the arrearages of the several Classes, for printed Minutes, respectfully report—

That they have examined a statement, drawn up some time since by the late Treasurer and Stated Clerk, relative to arrears from the

year 1820 to 1826, inclusive ; and also, the accounts of the present Treasurer, since his appointment, and find the arrearages of the respective Classes, from the year 1820, up to the present date, to be as follows, viz :—

				<i>Arrears.</i>
Classis of New York,	-	-	-	\$38 25
“ Poughkeepsic,	-	-	-	61 25
“ New Brunswick,	-	-	-	20 63
“ Long Island,	-	-	-	6 00
“ Philadelphia,	-	-	-	1 25
“ Paramus,	-	-	-	59 25
“ Bergen,	-	-	-	43 50
“ Albany,	-	-	-	89 50
“ Rensselaer,	-	-	-	33 00
“ Washington,	-	-	-	23 75
“ Schenectady,	-	-	-	5 00
“ Ulster,	-	-	-	55 00
“ Schoharie,	-	-	-	9 00
“ Montgomery,	-	-	-	50 00
“ Cayuga,	-	-	-	10 00
South Classis of New York,	-	-	-	6 25

The Committee regret, that they have not been able to ascertain the arrearages of the several Classes previous to the year 1820. They find, that the gross amount, then due, was \$185 ; but they have no data by which to ascertain the apportionment of this sum among the respective Classes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to take measures for the collection of the above arrearages.

Resolved, That a new Lemma, to be called “ Benevolent and Religious Institutions,” be introduced into the Minutes, in such place as the Stated Clerk may think proper.

Whereas the acts and proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, since its first organization, in the year 1771, until the year 1791, are expressed in the Low Dutch language, and said language is now becoming obsolete in this country, and it being

desirable to have such acts and proceedings in the English language ; therefore,

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Jacob Schoonmaker, James V. C. Romeyn, Gerardus A. Kuypers, D. D., and Thomas De Witt, D. D., be a Committee to translate the acts and proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, which are in the Low Dutch, into the English language.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different Ministers to read from their pulpits, the Report of the Committee on the State of Religion ; and, also, such parts of the Report of the Committee on the Professorate, as they shall consider important to be known by all the Churches, upon the first Sabbath after the printed minutes shall be received, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

ARTICLE XXI.

Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

An application having been made to Synod, on behalf of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, that Synod would hear a statement from a Commission appointed by that body, on the subject of the Resolution recently passed by that National Institution, relative to supplying every family in the United States with a copy of the Scriptures, within the space of two years, it was

Resolved, That Synod will hear the Commission on the subject of their appointment.

The Rev. James Milnor, D. D., and Thomas McAuley, D. D., L. L. D., a Commission from the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, appeared before Synod, agreeably to the above resolution, on the afternoon of the third day of the Session, and presented statements relative to the supplying every destitute family in the States with a copy of the Holy Scriptures.

Resolved, That the Communications on this subject be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. M. Mathews, D. D., E. Slingerland, and the Elder Samuel Phelps. The Committee reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the Communication from the American Bible Society, recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions :—

1. That this Synod have heard, with much pleasure, of the Resolution recently adopted, by the American Bible Society, for supplying every family in the nation with a Bible within the space of two years; and would contemplate the measure as one of the happy proofs occurring in our day, that the time is drawing near when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

2. That it be recommended to the Ministers and Churches, under the care of this Synod, to aid in the accomplishment of this great object, as God shall give them opportunity.

And whereas it has been stated to this Synod, that the greatest obstacle to be encountered in this enterprize, arises from the want of suitable men to act as Agents, therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That it be affectionately recommended to Ministers of the Gospel, seriously to consider how far they might be able to undertake agencies in this great and good work, either in their own immediate vicinities, or in the more distant parts of our land; and, should any of our Ministers feel themselves called to this work,

4. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Classes, to take all convenient measures to aid in supplying the pulpits of such ministers, during their absence.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. MATHEWS.

According to a previous resolution, the Rev. Joshua Leavitt, the Agent of the American Seamen's Friend Society, appeared before Synod, and submitted a statement relative to the objects and design of said Society, and laid on the table a number of copies of the First Annual Report of the Society, for distribution.

Resolved, That the Communications presented to Synod, on the subject of the American Seamen's Friend Society, be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. P. Duryea, S. Kissam, and the Elder Ichabod Prall.

The Committee reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows, *viz*:—

The Committee on the Communications, from the Agent of the American Seamen's Friend Society, respectfully report—

That it is now a little more than ten years, since the first systematic efforts were made to advance the best interests of Seamen. Their interests had been so greatly neglected, and so strong were their claims upon the community at large, for the necessities, comforts, and refinements of life, through them introduced, that something in their behalf seemed to be imperiously demanded. At first, provision was made for the introduction of the Gospel among this useful class of citizens, to the privileges of the Gospel. So peculiar were their temptations, however, that something more was necessary to the attainment of the objects in view. Accordingly, in January, 1826, the "American Seamen's Friend Society," was instituted. The object of this Society, as stated in the second article of the Constitution, is "To improve the social and moral condition of Seamen, by uniting the efforts of the wise, and good, in their behalf, by promoting in every port, boarding-houses of good character, savings banks, register's offices, libraries, reading-rooms, and schools, and, also, the ministration of the Gospel, and other religious blessings."

For the better attainment of the object in view, The American Seamen's Friend Society, have resolved to publish, monthly, "The Sailor's Magazine, and Naval Journal;" a specimen of which the Rev. Joshua Leavitt, editor of the same, and general agent of the Society, has been pleased to distribute among the members of this Synod.

The object of the Rev. Mr. Leavitt, in appearing before Synod, having been to awaken the sympathies of the Synod, in behalf of "The American Seamen's Friend Society," and, also, to extend the circulation of "The Sailor's Magazine, and Naval Journal;" therefore, your Committee would recommend the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Synod have heard with deep interest, the statement of the Rev. Mr. Leavitt, Agent of the American Seamen's Friend Society, and, while hailing with gratitude the means now employed for the redemption of the present race of sea-faring men, they will bear up this long neglected people on their hearts before the throne of Grace; give them a share in their affections; not forgetting the Magazine which has been recommended to their patronage.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. DURYEA, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXII.*Pastoral Letter.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.*Synodical Archives.*

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.*Accounts.*

A bill from the Stated Clerk, amounting to \$16 81, for expenses incurred by him in the business of Synod, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

A bill, amounting to \$11 93, was presented, from Rev. J. M. Mathews, D. D., for expenses incurred in attending the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their Report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Accounts. Report—

That the bills of the Stated Clerk of General Synod, and one of our delegates who attended the late meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, amounting to \$28 74, have been examined, and approved, and the Committee recommend, that the Treasurer of Synod be directed to pay the same.

The Committee submit for consideration, the following resolution :—

Resolved, That our Delegates to corresponding Churches, be allowed, in lieu of their expenses, four cents per mile, for the number of miles they may have to travel, in going to, and returning from the places, where those Churches hold their annual meetings.

G. R. LIVINGSTON, *Chairman.*

The Door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$11 37½, was presented, and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved That the Stated Clerk publish 750 copies of the Minutes of this Session of Synod, duly authenticated; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

The Minutes were read and approved.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned, to meet in the city of New Brunswick, on the first Wednesday in June, 1830, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN KNOX, *President.*

JOHN GOSMAN, *Adressor.*

BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, } *Clerks,*
JOHN H. VAN WAGENEN, } *pro. tem.*

Official copy, from the original minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

☞ The collections, which Synod have directed to be made in all the Churches under their care, are:

For the Theological College, on the first Sabbath in November.

The Twenty-five Cent Contribution, on the first Sabbath in May.

For the Missionary Fund, on Thanksgiving Day.

It is earnestly requested by Synod, that no Minister, or Consistory, will neglect to make these collections at the time appointed, or, as soon thereafter as practicable, and forward the same to Mr. Isaac Young, the Treasurer of General Synod.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICAL REGISTER.

Explanatory Note.—W. C. stands for “without charge.” S. C. for “stated clerk.” ad. for “address.” S. S. for “stated supply.” V. for “vacant.”

Professors of Theology.

Philip Milledoler, D. D.

John De Witt, D. D.

James S. Cannon, D. D.

I. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. *Classis of New York.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
G. A. Kuypers, D. D.	} - - New York.
J. Knox, D. D.	
W. C. Brownlee, D. D.	
T. De Witt, D. D.	
G. Dubois, - - - - -	North West.
N. I. Marselus, - - - - -	Greenwich.
J. Broadhead, D. D. - - - - -	Broome street.
E. Baldwin, - - - - -	Houston street.
A. Gunn, D. D. - - - - -	Bloomingtondale.
C. C. Vermule, - - - - -	Hærlæm.
J. F. Jackson, - - - - -	Fordham.
T. G. Smith, - - - - -	Tarrytown and Unionville.
P. I. Van Pelt, - - - - -	Staten-Island.
Isaac A. Van Hook, W. C. - -	
Isaac Labagh, W. C. - - - -	

Isaac A. Van Hook, *W C., S. C., ad*: New York.

A. J. Labagh, *W. C. S. S.*

Mr. R. Kirkwood, *Licentiate*.

M. 17; Ch. 11; L. 1.

2. *South Classis of New York.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
J. M. Mathews, D. D. - - -	South Church.
W. McMurray, D. D. - - -	Market street.
J. E. Miller, - - - - -	Tompkinsville.
A. Hoffman, - - - - -	Courtlandtown.
J. H. Teller, - - - - -	Orchard street, <i>S. C. N. York.</i>
Alexander Denham, <i>W. C.</i> - -	
David S. Bogart, <i>W. C.</i> - - -	
William Boyce, <i>W C.</i> - - -	
R. P. Lee, <i>Licentiate</i> .	

M. 8; Ch. 5; L. 1.

3. *Classis of New Brunswick.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
J. B. Hardenbergh, - - - -	New Brunswick.
J. Romeyn, - - - - -	Six-Mile Run.
R. D. Van Kleek, - - - -	Raritan.
J. L. Zabriskie, - - - - -	Hillsborough.
I. M. Fisher, - - - - -	Bedminster.
G. H. Fisher, - - - - -	North Branch, <i>S. C. ad</i> : North [Branch, N. J.]
H. L. Rice, - - - - -	Spotswood.
S. A. Van Vranken, - - - -	Freehold.
J. T. B. Beekman, - - - -	Middletown.
J. S. Dumund, - - - - -	Walpack.
C. C. Eltinge, - - - - -	Minissink.
Do. - - - - -	Mahakkamak.

J. I. Schultz,	- - - - -	Lebanon.
Do.	- - - - -	Rockaway.

J. Cornell, *W. C.*
 J. Mulligan, *W. C.*
 J. S. Mabon, *W. C.*
 M. 15—Ch. 14.

4. *Classis of Philadelphia.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
G. R. Livingston,	1st Church, Philadelphia.
J. C. Sears,	2d Church, Philadelphia, <i>S. C. ad. Philadelphia.</i>
G. Ludlow,	New Shannack.
P. Labagh,	Harlingen.
J. Van Lieu,	North Branch.
	N. & S. Hampton, <i>V.</i>
	Manayunk Missionary station.

Jacob Larzalere, *W. C.*
 M. 6 ; Ch. 6.

5. *Classis of Bergen.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
B. C. Taylor, - - - - -	Bergen.
J. V. C. Romeyn, - - - - -	Hackensack, <i>S. C., ad.</i> [Hackensack, N. J.]
Do. - - - - -	Schraalenbergh.
P. Duryea, - - - - -	English Neighbourhood.
G. Abeel, - - - - -	Belville.
A. Messler, - - - - -	Pompton Plains.
Do. - - - - -	Montville.
Z. H. Kuypers, - - - - -	Ponds.
Do. - - - - -	Preakness.

Z. H. Kuypers, - . - - - - Wyckoff.
 Stonehouse Plains, V.
 Fairfield, V.
 Pompton, V.
 Bergen Neck, V.

J. Duryea, W. C.
 P. Stryker, W. C.
 J. G. Tarbell, W. C.
 S. Van Zantvoord, W. C.
 A. Neal, - - W. C.
 R. C. Shimeall, W. C.
 J. G. Ogilvie, W. C.
 M. 13.—Ch. 14.

6. *Classis of Long Island.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
John Beattie, - - -	New Utrecht.
T. M. Strong, - - -	Flatbush.
W. Crookshank, - - -	Flatlands.
do. - - - - -	New Lots.
J. Schoonmaker, - - -	Jamaica.
do. - - - - -	Newtown.
S. H. Meeker, - - -	Bushwick, S. C. ad. Brooklyn.
J. Otterson, - - - -	North Hempstead.
do. - - - - -	Oysterbay.
P. P. Rouse, - - -	Brooklyn.
	Gravesend, V.
	Success, V.

James E. Quaw, Licentiate.

M. 7—Ch. 12—L. 1.

7. *Classis of Paramus.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
N. Lansing, -	- Tappan.
do. - - - -	- Clarkstown.
S. Goetschius, - - -	- Saddle River.
do. - - - -	- Pasgack.
W. Eltinge, - - - -	- Paramus, <i>S. C. ad.</i> Ackquachinunch
do. - - - -	- 1st Church, Totowa.
J. T. Field, - - - -	- 2d Church, Totowa.
J. I. Christie, - - -	- Warwick.
J. Wynkoop, - - -	- West N. Hempstead.
do. - - - -	- Ramapo.
C. Z. Paulison, - - -	- Ackquachinunch.
	- Hackensack, <i>V.</i>
	- Schraalenberg, <i>V.</i>

S. T. Goetchius, Licentiate.

S. Bogert, do.

M. 7.—Ch. 13.—L. 2.

8. *Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
C. C. Cuyler, D. D. -	- Poughkeepsie.
C. D. Westbrook, - -	- Fishkill.
W. S. Heyer, - - -	- Fishkill Landing.
E. Holmes, - - - -	- Linlithgow.
G. W. Bethune, - - -	- Rhinebeck.
A. N. Kittle, - - -	- Red Hook, <i>S. C. ad.</i> Upper Red Hook.
C. Whitehead, - - -	- Hopewell.
M. W. Dwight, - - -	- New Hackensack.
J. Gosman, - - - -	- Kingston.
H. Vedder, - - - -	- Greenbush.
do. - - - -	- Taghkanick.
	- Red Hook Landing, <i>V.</i>
	- Hyde Park, <i>V.</i>

C. Brouwer, *W. C.*

M. 11.—Ch. 13.

II. PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY

1. *Classis of Albany.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
John Ludlow, D. D. -	Albany.
I. Ferris, - - - -	2d Albany.
S. Kissam, - - - -	Bethlehem. } <i>S. C. ad. Albany.</i>
do. - - - -	Jerusalem. }
R. Bronk, - - - -	Washington and Gibbonsville.
J. C. Boice, - - - -	Union.
do. - - - -	Salem.
A. Fort, - - - -	Westerlo.
J. Searle, - - - -	Coxsackie.
	Coeymans, V.
	2d Church, Bern, V.

H. Van Huysen, W. C.

P. Van Zandt, W. C.

J. W. Ames, Licentiate.

M 9.—Ch. 11.—L. 1.

2. *Classis of Ulster.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
S. Van Vechten, - -	Bloomingburgh, <i>S. C. ad. Bloomingburgh.</i>
B. Van Keuren, - -	Esopus.
do. - - - -	Bloomingdale.
B. B. Westfall, - -	Rochester.
do. - - - -	Clove.
P. A. Overbagh, - -	Flatbush.
H. Ostrander, - -	Saugerties.
F. H. Van Derveer, -	New Hurley.
W. R. Bogardus, - -	New Paltz.
J. B. Ten Eyck, - -	Berea.
	Mamacotten, V.

Montgomery, V.
 Shawangunk, V.
 New Prospect, V.
 Hurley, V.
 Ashokan, V.
 Woodstock, V.
 Fallsburgh, V.
 Marbletown, V.

A. D. Wilson, W. C.

M. 9.—Ch. 19.

3. *Classis of Schenectady.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
Jacob Van Vechten, -	Schenectady.
John M ^c Kelvey, - -	Niskeuna.
do. - - - -	Amity.
R. J. Blair, - - - -	Helderbergh.
E. Slingerland, - - -	1st Church, Glenville.
J. Murphy, - - - -	2d Ch. Glenville, S. C. <i>ad.</i> Schenectady.
J. B. Steel, - - - -	Boght.
J. Boyd, - - - -	1st Ch. Rotterdam.
do. - - - -	2d Ch. Rotterdam.
	Princetown, V.

T. Romeyn, W. C.

M. 8.—Ch. 10.

4. *Classis of Rensselaer.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
J. Sickels, - - - -	Kinderhook.
P. S. Wynkoop, - -	Ghent.

R. Sluyter, - - -	Claverack.
I. N. Wyckoff, - - -	Catskill, S. C. ad. Leeds, Green County.
C. Van Cleef, - - -	Athens.
A. H. Dumont, - - -	Greenbush.
do. - - - - -	Blooming-grove.
	Nassau, V.
	Hillsdale, V.
	Schodack, V.

David Abeel, W. C.

M. 7.—Ch. 10.

5. *Classis of Schoharie.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
Winslow Paige, - -	Broom.
do. - - - - -	Blenheim.
Stephen Ostrander, -	Oak Hill.
H. B. Stimpson, - -	Windham, S. S.
J. R. Hasbrook, - -	Root.
P. Weidman, - - -	Schoharie.
J. Garretson, - - -	Middlebergh, S. C. ad. Middlebergh.
J. H. Van Wagenen, -	Beaver-dam.
H. A. Raymond, - -	Sharon.
do. - - - - -	New Rhinebeck.
do. - - - - -	Cobleskill.
	Roxbury, V.
	Summit, V.
	Breakabin, V.
	Schoharie Mountain, V.

J. F. Schermerhorn, W. C. Agent of Missionary Society of R. Dutch Church.

M. 9.—Ch. 15.

6. *Classis of Cayuga.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
C. Ten Eyck, - - -	Owasco.
A. Bennet, - - -	Ovid.
H. Heermance, - -	Sand Beach.
G. Mandeville. - - -	Six Mile Creek.
	Chittenengo, V.
	Cato, V.
	Lysander, V.

J. F. Morris, W. C.

A. Yates, D. D. S. C. Principal of Chittenengo Academy.

J. A. Yates, Professor, Union College.

M. 7.—Ch. 7.

7. *Classis of Montgomery.*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
A. New Horn, - - -	Caughnawago.
I. S. Ketcham, - - -	Manheim.
J. W. Hangen, - - -	Columbia.
J. P. Spinner, - - -	Herkimer.
do. - - - - -	German Flats.
H. B. Stryker, - - -	Union Ch. of Amsterdam and Albany
	Florida, V. [Bush.
	Glenn, V.
	Sprakers Basin, V.
	Canajoharie. V.
	Indian Castle, V.
	St. John's Ville, V.
	Stone Arabia, V.

Douw Van Olinda, W. C. S. C. ad. Canajoharie.

D. Devoe, W. C.

M. 7.—Ch. 13.

8. *Classis of Washington*

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.
C. Bogardus, - - -	Wynantskill.
I. P. Labagh, - - -	Waterford.
J. D. Fonda, - - -	Union Village.
do. - - - - -	Easton.
H. M. Boyd, - - -	Schuylerville.
H. Mair, - - - - -	Northumberland.
do. - - - - -	Fort Miller.
	Wilton, V.
	Argyle, V.
	Tyoshoke, V.
	Schaghticoke, V.

A. I. Swirtz *W. C.*

J. Stephenson, Licentiate.

M. 6.—Ch. 11.—L. 1.

Recapitulation.

Ministers—149 of which, *W. C.* including Professors, 34.

Churches—184 of which, *V.* 44.

Licentiates—7.

THE
ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE
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IN
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AT
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Acts and Proceedings

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the city of New Brunswick, on Wednesday the second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty. The Session continued from the second to the tenth day of June inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Knox, D. D.; the President of the last General Synod; who preached a Sermon in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Acts xx. 26. “*I am pure from the blood of all men.*”

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. From the Classis of New York.

Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D., Eli Baldwin, and Peter I. Van Pelt. Elders, John Mildeberger, Everardus Warner, Abraham Van Nest.

2. From the South Classis of New York.

Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, William M'Murray, D. D., James M. Mathews, D. D.*

* Took his seat on the *second* day of the Session; and obtained leave of absence after 8th day of Session.

Elders, Abraham D. Brinckerhoff, John Moffit,* and John D. Keese.

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*

Rev. James Romeyn, John Cornell, and J. T. B. Beekman.

Elders, Peter D. Vroom, Jun., Jacob R. Hardenbergh, and James Grover.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Abraham Messler, J. G. Ogilvie,† Ira C. Boice.‡

Elders, John T. Spear,§ Henry Traphagen.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Christian Z. Paulison, and Jefferson Wynkoop.

Elder, Albert Zabriskie.

6. *From the Classis of Long Island.*

Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, James Otterson,|| Peter P. Rouse.

Elders, Robert Anderson, Adrian Vanderveer.¶

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, Abraham O. Halsey, John Van Lieu.

Elders, John Kroser,** John Wyckoff, Jun., and John Voorhees.

* Obtained leave of absence on the *second* day of the Session, and was succeeded on the 8th day of the Session by E. R. Belcher the *primarius*

† Succeeded on the *seventh* day of Session, by Rev. Ira C. Boice his *secundus*

‡ Succeeded by the Rev. Gustavus Abeel the *primarius*, on the *third* day of the Session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of Session.

|| Obtained leave of absence after the *eighth* day of the Session.

¶ Obtained leave of absence on the *third* day of Session, and was succeeded by John C. Freek the *primarius* on the *sixth* day of the Session.

** Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of Session, and was succeeded by George Kershaw a *secundus*, on the *seventh* day of Session.

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. Charles Whitehead.

Elder, Coert Horton.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. Jeremiah Searle, Isaac Ferris, and John Ludlow, D. D.*

Elder, Abraham F. Lansing.†

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff, Jonathan F. Morris, Jacob Sickles.

Elders, William Schuneman, Barent Van Beuren, Gerrit Heermance.‡

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Henry Ostrander, Ferdinand H. Vanderveer, Benjamin B. Westfall.

Elders, Jacob L. Snyder, Matthew Alliger.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda. Isaac P. Labagh.

Elder, Lodovicus Viele.§

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. James Stevenson, A. B. Chittenden, Isaac S. Ketcham.

Elder, Jacob S. Glen.

* Took his seat on the *second* day of the Session.

† Obtained leave of absence after the *eighth* day of the Session.

‡ Took his seat on the *fourth* day of Session.

§ Obtained leave of absence on the *sixth* day of the Session.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. John Garretson, Henry A Raymond, and John H. Van Wagenen.

Elders, William Borst, Teunis Hager,* and Jacob Settle, Jun.*

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, John M'Kelvy, Elbert Slingerland.

Elders, Adrian Van Santvoord,† Nicholas Vischer.*

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. John F. Schermerhorn.

Elder, William Van Doren.

The Rev. Professors Milledoler, De Witt, and Cannon, were present during a part of the Sessions of Synod.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, was chosen President.

The Rev. Henry Ostrander, was chosen Adsector.

The Rev. Messrs. Isaac P. Labagh, and Issac Ferris, were chosen Clerks, *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of the Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Annual Session of Synod were read.

* Obtained leave of absence after the *eighth* day of the Session.

† Took his seat on the *second* day of Session.

ACTS OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Orders and Rules.

These were read.

Resolved, that this Synod will conclude all their sittings by regular adjournment and prayer.

Resolved, that the following be added to the standing rules of this Synod.

“At the close of every Session of General Synod, the roll shall be called, and the names of those who are absent without permission shall be recorded.”

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

The following Committees were appointed :—

On the Professorate.—Rev. W. M'Murray, D. D., Jacob Brodhead, D. D., Jefferson Wynkoop, and the Elders Peter D. Vroom, Jr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh.*

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, Jacob D. Fonda, James Stevenson, and the Elders Jacob L. Snyder, and William Borst.

On Missions—Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, Jacob Sickles, Peter I. Van Pelt, and the Elders A. Vanderveer,† and Coert Horton.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Jacob Van Vechten, A. B. Chittenden, Eli Baldwin, and the Elders W. Van Doren, and John D. Keese.

* The Elder Abraham Van Nest was subsequently added to the committee on the Professorate.

† The Elder John D. Keese was appointed in the place of the Elder A. Vanderveer after the latter had obtained leave of absence.

On Overtures.—Rev. James G. Ogilvie, C. Z. Paulison, James Otterson, and the Elders Teunis Hager, Jacob Settle, Jun.

On Accounts.—Rev. James Romeyn, Abraham Messler, Isaac N. Wyckoff, and the Elders William Schuneman, and B. Van Beuren.

On Correspondence—Rev John F. Schermerhorn, John M'Kelvy, and P. P. Rouse, and the Elders J. W. Wyckoff, and Henry Traphagen.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

The following Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :—

To the General Synod the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, beg leave respectfully to present the following Report :—

Agreeably to the directions of the General Synod. the Board met in the College Hall, in the city of New Brunswick, on the 13th day of April, 1830.

The Board having been duly organized, Reports were received from each of the Professors. The following young gentlemen were reported as members of the Theological Seminary, *viz* :—

Senior Class.—Thomas A. Ammerman, Christopher Hunt, Francis M. Kip, John Liddel, Alexander M. Warner, Aaron A. Marselus, Abraham H. Myers, John H. Pitcher, Ransford Wells.

Middle Class.—John H. Bevier, Oscar H. Gregory, David Cushing, John Manley, Cornelius C. Van Arsdalen.

Junior Class.—John C. Baldwin, Robert O. Currie, Garrit I. Garretson, John V. Robins, Leonard Rogers, Garret C. Schenck, Richard L. Schoonmaker, Benjamin Swartz, John C. Van Liew, Alexander H. Warner.

The moral and religious character of each of these Students, has been represented by the Professors as exemplary. They have applied themselves in general with diligence to their studies, and have made very commendable proficiency.

The Senior Students were examined on the whole course of studies, which they have pursued in the Theological Seminary, agreeably to the plan laid down by the General Synod : and the Middle and Junior Classes, on those branches which they have respectively pursued during the past year. The Senior Class was also examined on personal religion, and on their views and motives in desiring to enter the holy ministry. The whole examination was conducted with strictness and care ; and the Board are gratified in bearing ample testimony to the great satisfaction which it has afforded them. It exhibited at once, the distinguished ability, fidelity, and zeal with which each of the different Professors has executed the important duties entrusted to him, and at the same time the laudable application and proficiency of their students.

In obedience to a resolution of this Board, in July last, the student Mr. John Liddel (who had made considerable progress in his theological studies, in Scotland, previous to his being received into this Seminary,) has attended the recitations of the Senior Class ; and having given full and satisfactory evidence of his diligence and competency, the Board do, according to his request, recommend him to the General Synod for a dispensation.

The members of the Senior Class were cheerfully recommended for their professoral certificate. And the Board, on the departure of these young gentlemen from under their care in this College, do earnestly commend them to the care of the great King and Head of the church, and to the precious grace of his Spirit :—indulging the hope, that in due time, they will become eminently useful, and faithful ministers of the gospel in our church.

It is with unfeigned gratification that the Board states that your Theological College, which has grown up under your unwearied fostering care, continues to present a promising and encouraging aspect. The blessing of the Most High God, has been evidently resting on it and refreshing it. And they beg leave, affectionately to hold it up before your venerable body, and before all our churches ; and solicit very earnestly, your continued affectionate regards and fervent prayers, on behalf of this College of sacred literature :—that it may be still more and more blessed ; that many eminently pious and useful servants of Christ may be trained up here, who shall gladden the waste places of Zion. In this our day the harvest is

great, and the cry from our Missionary stations and destitute churches is urgent and painful. It is only by patronising this Seminary, and by devising means to increase the number of its students, that you can send forth ministers at the cry of perishing souls.

And here, in connexion with this, the Board would beg leave, earnestly to draw the attention of the Synod to the urgent wants of the Library, and the pressing necessity of the Education Society of our church. These are unquestionably, of vital importance to the interests of this Seminary. And, assuredly, they need only to be presented before our churches by your venerable body, in order to excite prompt attention and liberal support.

The Board have resolved to recommend to the Synod, to alter the time for the annual examination of the Students, to the *first* Tuesday in April.

In conclusion, your Board offer up their praise and hearty thanksgiving to our merciful and gracious Lord, who has in his sovereign goodness and unmerited grace, bestowed so many signal favours and blessings on your "School of the Prophets." May he be pleased long to preserve the lives and health of his servants the Professors: may his divine benediction rest on each of the precious youth, who are here pursuing their studies, with a view to the holy ministry; and may he from time to time, add continually to their numbers. And may grace, mercy and peace be with you, venerable fathers and brethren, and with the whole church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES V. C. ROMEYN, *President*.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Secretary*.

New Brunswick, April 15, 1830.

A communicatton was received from the Rev. John H. Van Wagenen, renewing the recommendation of Elihu Doty, as a suitable person to receive aid from the Van Benschoten Fund, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The following Report was received from the Committee appointed to translate the minutes of the General Synod, which are in the Dutch language, and referred together with the translation to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D.,

J. F. Schermerhorn, C. Whitehead, and the Elders L. Viele, and Mathew Alliger.

The subscribers, members of the Committee, to whom was referred the subject of procuring a translation of the minutes of the General Synod since 1771, which were kept in the Dutch language, into the English, respectfully report, that the Rev. Jacob Schöonmaker, who was nominated Chairman of the Committee, undertook the task of translating said minutes. He has finished the translation, and submitted it to our inspection. On examination, we find it executed with fidelity and propriety: it will prove a document of great value and interest, as it embraces the history of an interesting period of our church, and will deserve frequent reference. The work of translating has required time and labour, and justly imposes on the Synod, obligations of gratitude. As Mr. Romeyn, the remaining member of the Committee, lives at some distance from New York, his presence could not readily be obtained when the translation was submitted to our examination.

GERARDUS A. KUYPERS,
THOMAS DE WITT.

New York, May 31, 1830.

The Committee reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee to whom was referred the translation of the Dutch minutes of General Synod from the year 1771, and the report of the Committee appointed to translate said minutes,

Report, That they are of opinion, that those minutes contain very interesting and valuable information in regard to the history of the Reformed Dutch Church, and that it is desirable that such information should be communicated to the churches. They therefore recommend to Synod the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Rev J. Brodhead, D. D., T. Dewitt, D. D., and the Elders Abraham Van Nest, John Clark, and John D. Keese, be a committee to publish the entire translation of the above minutes,

provided that said Committee be not authorized to publish any part or the whole of said minutes until they have obtained sufficient subscribers to warrant the publication ; and that if not published, the Committee be authorised to have them transcribed for preservation.

Resolved, Unanimously, that the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Committee, and particularly to the Rev Mr. Schoonmaker, for this valuable service which he has performed for the Church, in translating said minutes from the Dutch into the English language.

J. BRODHEAD, *Chairman*.

A communication was received from Isaac L. Kip, Esq. resigning his seat as a Member of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College.

Resolved, That his resignation be accepted, and that the Rev. Jacob Janeway, D. D. be appointed in his place.

A memorial was received from the Consistory of the Church at New Utrecht, containing a statement of facts in relation to an alleged interference of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church in the affairs of their congregation, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

A communication was received from the Executive Committee of the Education Society of the Classis of Bergen, recommending Jacob Ennis as a suitable person to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

Certain communications were received from Mr. William Schuneman, which were referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Jacob Schoonmaker, P. I. Van Pelt, and J. Brodhead, D. D. ; and the Elders P. D. Vroom, Jun. and A. Van Nest.

The Committee reported, and the subject having been discussed at considerable length, it was on motion

Resolved, That the farther consideration of this subject be postponed to the next General Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report, and the Annual Digest, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the following Report, of the Board of Direction, is respectfully submitted.

The Board, in their last Annual Report, alluded to the illness, and are now called to mourn the loss by death, of their venerable President, Col. Henry Rutgers. He had been for a length of time previous to his departure, prevented from affording his presence and counsels by a protracted and distressing sickness; through which he retained an unshaken faith in the Redeemer, and eminently exhibited in his afflictions the graces of that holy religion which he professed and adorned by his highly useful and exemplary life. He departed this life on the 25th day of February last. in the full confidence and triumph of hope.

The Board cannot refrain, on this occasion, from expressing their sense of the loss the Church and community have sustained by his death, and the very high regard they cherish for the character of their deceased President: nor can they forget the deep interest which he always manifested in the welfare and prosperity of Sion. His praise is in all the churches. His memory is embalmed in the hearts of all who love the kingdom of our Lord, which he was greatly instrumental in advancing. His name is identified with our institutions, and will be remembered as long as Rutgers College shall stand.

Isaac L. Kip, Esq. having acted *pro tem.* has since been unanimously chosen President of the Board, and Mr. Abraham Van Nest a Director in his place.

By the last Annual Report of this Board, it will appear that the Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, the agent appointed by General Synod for the collection of outstanding subscriptions, and obtaining additional subscriptions and donations for the Professoral funds, had

made his report of new subscriptions obtained by him, and the amount received in cash on account of the same, as well as on account of old subscriptions, and in books: but expressly stating that the returns made by Mr Van Santvoord required explanations. Since which the Board have written to him, and the present agent, Mr. Schuneman, has called on him for a more detailed account of his agency; but they regret to state that satisfactory information has not been received from him, notwithstanding their repeated solicitations. The Board therefore respectfully recommend that Synod appoint a Committee, other than the Board, to endeavour to obtain a settlement of the moneys received by him, and a more detailed account of the agency. Copies of the correspondence between the Board and Mr. Van Santvoord, will be laid before such committee, if required.

In endeavouring to perform the duties incumbent on them for the collection of the outstanding subscriptions and obtaining new ones, the Board, on the 4th of September, 1829, by commission, appointed Mr. William Schuneman, the Agent for the Classes of Ulster, Poughkeepsie, and Rensselaer, and for the Churches of Coxsackie, Bethlehem, and Coeymans, in the Classis of Albany.

Mr. Schuneman entered forthwith on the duties of his office, and as far as the Board can judge, has attended with due fidelity to the business assigned him: he has received moneys as well on account of the old, as on the new, subscriptions obtained by Mr. Van Santvoord, and, as far as information could be obtained by him, has stated the moneys received by Mr Van Santvoord on the old and new subscriptions. The Board can only add that they are satisfied with what he has done.

The Board also, on the 25th of November last, granted a similar commission to the Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, who has made his returns of having received \$276 50, with some information relative to the outstanding subscriptions.

In their last Report, the Board respectfully submitted to General Synod the importance and necessity of assuming more energetic measures in relation to the state of the funds, and suggested the absolute necessity that all the collections heretofore adopted be re-enacted; and urged in the most impressive manner on all the churches as a measure of the highest importance to our Theological Seminary.

On which occasion, General Synod "*Resolved*, That the Church feeling the necessity of *diminishing* the number of collections which have in former years been imposed upon the congregations under their care, and believing that in so doing a greater amount would be realized to the treasury—*Resolved*, Earnestly to recommend upon all the Ministers and Consistories to make *one* general collection on the first Sabbath of November, in behalf of the Theological College, and on the first Sabbath of May, a collection of 25 cents from each and every communicant belonging to the church; and that the Board be instructed to send *special* circulars on the subject of these collections to all the churches." The result of which has been, although circulars have been sent that on the first general collection, the sum of \$471 only has been paid into the Treasury. And on the 25 cent collection, the following sum has been received, viz: \$263 20, from the following churches, viz: Market-street, \$131 79; Middle and North Churches, \$98 96; Flatbush, \$12 09; Hæerlem, \$10 00; Aquackononk, \$10 40.

The Treasurer's annual account herewith delivered, will exhibit to Synod a statement of the receipt and expenditure of moneys for the past year. And the Annual Digest, and other documents accompanying this Report, will give the usual details of the particular funds. Upon examining into the result of the fiscal concerns of General Synod, as to their operations during the past year, we sincerely regret to state that our prospects continue to be by no means flattering. We have been under the necessity of applying all the moneys which have been received, from every source, to the payment of the salaries of the Professors and other indispensably necessary disbursements, amounting to \$2720, including the sum of \$700 received by the Treasurer for a bond of Jacob R. Voorhees, which was paid off.

The balance now in the hands of the Treasurer amounts to \$2024 33, to be invested. What may be received during the coming year, arising from the interest of the permanent fund, with the collections which may be received from the churches, will in the opinion of the Board be totally inadequate for the payment of the salaries of the Professors as they become due, with other necessary disbursements. And in this place it is proper to add, that the last grant of the Consistory of New-York for \$1500 for one year, expired on the 9th November last, has been fully paid, and no money arising from

subscriptions received by our agents and paid in, has been put out on bond and mortgage, for the obvious reason that it was required for the purposes aforesaid.

In view of all the circumstances above stated, in connexion with the probability that at least \$10,000 of the original subscriptions for the Professorate will never be received, but totally lost ; for particulars the Board respectfully refer General Synod to a statement made by Mr. Kip to Mr. William Schuneman, one of the Agents of the Board for collecting outstanding and obtaining new subscriptions and donations, which will be found in the 10th number of the 4th volume of the Magazine of the Reformed Dutch Church, page 317 ; which will be herewith delivered, and to which they respectfully solicit the attention of Synod. Under these circumstances, is submitted to the serious deliberation and consideration of Synod, the importance and necessity of adopting such energetic measures as in their wisdom may appear suitable and proper in relation to our funds, and the support of the Professors of our Theological Seminary.

As it may be expected that we would express an opinion as to measures best calculated for these purposes. therefore it is proposed, that a strong appeal be made to all the churches, that their several *Consistories* become obligated to pay annually to General Synod for the support of the Theological Seminary, 25 cents for each and every member in full communion with their respective churches, according to their statistical tables ; and take their own measures to collect the same from their members, which could no doubt be very easily effected, if the ministers would heartily co-operate in the measure ; by which means, calculating that there are at least sixteen thousand members in full communion with our churches, this alone would produce an annual revenue of \$4000, which, in addition to the interest moneys arising from the permanent fund, would be fully sufficient to pay the salaries of the Professors and all other contingent expenses, and would entirely supersede the necessity of any collections whatever being made in the churches.

Or, Secondly It is proposed that a call be made upon all the churches by a strong appeal to their respective Consistories, for a voluntary subscription, per annum, to be paid by them at a certain fixed time, in aid of the funds of the Theological Seminary as above stated, to be continued as long as Synod shall deem the same neces-

sary ; which would, or at least ought to, realize sufficient moneys in addition to the other resources of Synod, for all the purposes as above stated, and preclude the necessity of any collections whatever in the churches. In either of these cases, they would suggest the absolute necessity of appointing a suitable agent or agents to visit all the churches, convene their Consistories, and lay before them the above request, urging the same with all possible zeal and earnestness. One agent might be enabled to visit all the churches in the course of this year ; but we can see no objection to appointing more than one, should Synod deem the same necessary.

This Board has heretofore been authorized to appoint an Agent or Agents, not only to collect the old but to obtain new subscriptions and donations ; and they respectfully suggest the propriety of renewing that authority.

The settlement of the accounts of Jacob R. Hardenbergh with the Synod, are in progress, but not yet completed.

In June, 1828, General Synod resolved, (see page 137 of minutes,) that the Rev. Alexander Gunn, D. D. be and hereby is appointed and requested to publish such a memoir of the Rev. Dr. Livingston, as was contemplated by the resolution of General Synod in the session of 1826, and that the Rev. Drs. Knox, M'Murray, and Cuyler be a Committee to inspect the work previous to publication, &c. In June, 1829, the Committee reported, (see pages 153-4-5, of minutes,) that they had carefully perused the manuscript of said memoir, and that the same had been accomplished in an able manner ; and that the Committee requested Dr. Gunn to proceed to take all necessary measures for publishing an edition of 1500 copies. The Board of Direction of the Corporation state to Synod, that the same was published accordingly by the Rev. Dr. Gunn, and they regret to add, that it has only produced embarrassment to his widow and family since his decease. They therefore respectfully recommend to Synod, to take the matter into their consideration, and to adopt such measures as their wisdom shall dictate.

Treasurer's Account.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in account with
ISAAC YOUNG, Treasurer.*

		DR.	Dolls. C.
1829.			
June	3	To Cash paid Dr. John De Witt, on account of his salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	199 50
	9	" " paid Dr. J. M. Mathews, for his expenses in attending the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, at Philadelphia,	11 93
	10	" " paid P. Spader, the amount of his account against General Synod, for repairs, &c. to Rutgers College,	70 01
		" " paid Dr. J. S. Cannon for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst,	393 75
		" " paid Dr. P. Milledoler for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	393 75
		" " paid P. Spader, Treasurer, &c. for one year's interest on H. Rutgers's donation of \$5000 to Rutgers College, due 20th inst.	300 00
		" " paid P. Spader, being money received by me of Rev. S. Van Santvoord, on 21st April, 1828, which belonged to the Trustees of Rutgers College,	135 00
		" " paid P. Spader for four semi-annual dividends on ten shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, belonging to Rutgers College, received by me,	20 00
		" " paid P. Spader, being the amount received by me of Rev. S. Van Santvoord, in full of his subscription to the Literary Department of Rutgers College, with interest,	57 50
		" " paid Dr. J. De Witt, balance of one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	238 00
	13	" " paid P. Amerman for attendance on General Synod, at their late Session in New York, and for stationary, &c.	11 37
	15	" " paid Rev. Thomas M. Strong for transcribing minutes of General Synod, &c. &c. as per bill rendered and passed at their last Session,	16 81
	26	" " paid I. Young, Treasurer of General Synod, for one year's salary, due 10th inst. \$250 00 For postage paid by him during the same period, 2 86 Discount on uncurrent notes, 2 48	255 34
July	2	" " paid Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, being the amount loaned to him and Abraham Varick by order of General Synod, secured by a mortgage on the Dutch Church at Utica, and a bond for the payment of the interest, signed by John F. Schermerhorn, Charles C. Brodhead, Abraham Varick, Elizur Goodrich, Jun. and William Clark, and also a policy of insurance for \$6000 on said church, assigned to General Synod	6000 00
			8102 96

Account continued.

		DR.	Dolls	C.
1829.				
July	11	By amount brought forward,	8102	96
		To Cash paid Vanderpool & Cole's bill for printing Minutes of General Synod, paper, binding, &c. as per bill rendered,		125 41
August	26	" " paid Dr. P. Milledoler for one quarter's salary, due 1st September next,	393	75
	28	" " paid Dr. J. S. Cannon for one quarter's salary, due 1st September next,	393	75
		" " paid Dr. J. De Witt for one quarter's salary, due 1st September next,	437	50
Oct.	20	" " paid for postage of Circular Letters,	7	26
Nov.	9	" " paid William Schuneman, on account of his salary as Agent to collect subscriptions, &c.	60	00
	16	" " paid for Premium of Insurance on Rutgers College for one year,	36	00
	25	" " paid Dr. G. R. Livingston for his expenses in attending the General Synod of the German Reformed Church at Lebanon, Penn,	3	00
		" " paid Washington Insurance Company for premium of Insurance on J. R. Hardenbergh's house for one year,	25	20
Dec.	4	" " paid Dr. P. Milledoler for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " paid Dr. J. S. Cannon for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " paid Dr. J. De Witt for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	437	50
1830.				
Feb.	5	" " paid Vanderpool & Cole for printing Circulars,	3	00
	27	" " paid Dr. J. De Witt for one quarter's salary, due 1st March next,	437	50
March	4	" " paid Dr. P. Milledoler for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	393	75
		" " paid Dr. J. S. Cannon for one quarter's salary, due 1st inst.	393	75
April	14	" " paid for postage of Circulars, \$3 82 discount on uncurrent notes : 55		4 37
	21	" " paid Vanderpool & Cole for printing Circulars	2	50
	29	" " paid W. Schuneman, on account of his salary as agent, &c.	50	00
	30	" " paid Dr. J. De Witt on account of his salary, due 1st June next,	60	00
May	25	" " paid Rev. Eli Baldwin for one year's salary as Clerk of the Board of Direction, due 1st June next,	100	00
	27	" " paid Dr. P. Milledoler for one quarter's salary, due 1st June next,	393	75
		" " paid Dr. J. S. Cannon for one quarter's salary, due 1st June next,	393	75
			13047	20

Account continued.

1830.		DR.	Dolls.	C.
May	27	By amount brought forward,	13047	20
		To Cash paid Dr. J. De Witt for the balance of one quarter's salary, due 1st June next,	377	50
			13424	70
		Balance in bank carried to new account,	2024	33
			15449	03

Errors excepted.

ISAAC YOUNG,
Treasurer, &c.

May 30, 1830.

1829.		CR.	Dolls.	C.
June	2	By balance of account rendered last year,	6205	89
		By Cash received of Christian Miller, for a collection made in the second Dutch Church in Albany for the permanent fund,	18	25
	3	" " of Peter Neefus, for a collection made in the church in Market street, New York, being the twenty-five cent contribution,	68	50
	4	" " of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of New Brunswick,	10	50
	6	" " of John Munson, for a collection made in the Church corner of Greene and Houston streets, for the Permanent Fund,	8	00
	9	" " of Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, on account of the subscription of the Church at Catskill to the third Professorship,	50	00
		" " of Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, on account of his own subscription to the third Professorship,	50	00
	10	" " of Jacob R. Hardenbergh, for interest on his bond to General Synod, to 10th May last,	420	00
		" " of Jacob R. Hardenbergh, for premium of insurance on his house in New Brunswick, paid by me on the 27th November, 1823,	25	20
		" " of Peter Spader, for the balance of interest in his hands belonging to the Professoral Fund,	423	00
			7279	34

Account continued.

1829.		CR.	Dolls.	C.
June	10	By Balance brought forward,	727	34
		By Cash of Peter Spader for collections made in the Church at New Brunswick, viz : For the Permanent Fund. . . \$12 63 " Theological College, . . 15 33		
			27	96
		" " of Peter Spader, for the amount of John S. Hoag- land's bond and mortgage, with interest to 1st inst. assigned to the Trustees of Rutgers Col- lege,	711	35
	15	" " of Rev. Thomas M. Strong, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Schenectady,	5	00
		" " of Rev. Thomas M. Strong, for Minutes of Ge- neral Synod, furnished to the Classis of Mont- gomery, \$3 00 And for one copy sold by him, 25		
			3	25
	19	" " of Rev. J. McKelvey, for collections made in the Churches at Niskeyuna and Amity, for the Theological College, viz : At Niskeyuna, . . . \$6 72 Amity, . . . 6 25		
			12	97
		" " of Rev. James Otterson, for collections made in the Churches at Oyster Bay and North Hemp- stead, Long Island, for the Theological College, viz : At Oyster Bay, . . . \$7 00 North Hempstead, . . 7 00		
			14	00
	26	" " of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c. for one year's in- terest on the bond of the Collegiate Churches in New-York, for \$5000, due 20th inst.	300	00
July	9	" " of Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, for a collection made in the Church at Berea, for the Permanent Fund	8	60
		" " of Rev. James B. Ten Eyck, in full of his sub- scription to the third Professorship,	25	00
	23	" " of Z. Ring, for six months' interest on his bond, due 9th June last,	140	00
	25	" " of Jacob Burdett, for six months' interest on his bond, due 10th inst.	87	50
Aug.	3	" " of Michael Van Beuren, for six months' interest on his bond, due 30th July last,	45	00
	6	" " of Rev. John I. Chrystie, on account of his sub- scription to the third Professorship,	25	00
	12	" " of John Williams, for six months' interest on his bond, due 9th inst.	245	00
			8930	47

Account continued.

		CR.	Dolls.	C.
1829.				
Aug.	12	By balance brought forward,	8930	47
		By Cash of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c. for the first quarterly instalment of the sum of \$1500 per annum, granted by the Collegiate Churches in New York, due 9th February last,	375	00
	28	" " of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c. for six months' interest on the bond of the Collegiate Dutch Churches in New York, for \$5000, due 1st May last,	150	00
		" " of Peter Spader, for the balance of interest in his hands belonging to the Professoral Fund,	152	00
Sept.	7	" " of M. Martine, for a collection made in the Church at Clarkstown, for the Permanent Fund,	1	72
		" " of John Vreelandt, on account of his subscription to the Permanent Fund,	25	00
Oct.	15	" " of Rev. J. C. Sears, for a collection made in the Church at Spring Garden, Philadelphia, for the Permanent Fund,	5	00
	28	" " for proceeds of sale of \$35 in notes of the Bank of Columbia, which is insolvent,	17	50
Nov.	3	" " of Rev. S. H. Cox, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st inst.	90	00
		" " of D. Fanshaw, for six months' interest on his bond, due 6th inst.	180	00
		" " of William Schuneman, agent, &c. collected by him on subscriptions in the Classis of Albany and Rensselaer to the third Professorship,	\$357	00
		Deduct discount paid on uncurrent Notes,	75	
			356	25
	4	" " of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c. for six months' interest on the bond of the Collegiate Churches in New-York, due 1st inst.	150	00
		" " of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c. for one quarter's instalment of the sum of \$1500 per annum, granted by the Collegiate Churches in New York, due 9th May last,	375	00
	5	" " of M. Van Beuren, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st inst.	75	00
	10	" " of Rev. B. C. Taylor, for a collection made in the Church at Bergen, New Jersey, for the Theological College,	9	62
		" " received of A. D. Ostrander, Treasurer &c., for collections made in the Collegiate Churches, New York, for the Theological College.	114	11
	11	" " of A. Suydam, Treasurer &c., for a collection made in the church at Brooklyn, for the Theological College.	19	72
	17	" " of Mr. D. Fisher, for a collection made in the church in Houston Street for the Theological College,	8	62
			11035	01

Account continued.

1829.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By Balance brought forward,	11035 01
Nov.	20	By Cash of Rev. P. Labagh, for a collection made in the church at Harlingen, New Jersey for the Theological College,	13 25
	" "	of J. Pelton, for a collection made in the church at Warwick, Orange County for the Theological College,	3 60
	" "	of C. Zabriskie, for a dividend on Bergen Turnpike Stock,	10 00
	21	of Rev. S. Kissam, collected by him from several subscribers to the third Professorship, \$241 00 deduct discount paid on uncurrent Notes, 50	240 50
	24	of Rev. S. Van Vranken, for a collection made in the church at Freehold, New Jersey for the Theological College,	15 93
	25	of Dr. T. De Witt, for two years' Interest on the subscription of the church at New Hackensack to the third Professorship, . . . \$30 00 and on account of the subscription of the church at Hopewell for the third Professorship, . . . \$20 00	50 00
	" "	for a collection made in the church at Clarkstown for the Theological College,	2 85
Dec.	1	of W. M. Ireland, for six months' Interest on his Bond due yesterday,	175 00
	3	of P. Spader, for a collection made in the church at New Brunswick for the Theological College,	21 00
	7	of W. Schuneman, agent, on account of the subscriptions of sundry persons to the third Professorship, collected by him,	250 00
	" "	of T. A. Blauvelt, for a collection made in the church at Tappan for the Theological College,	4 82
	8	of Rev. R. P. Lee, Jun., for a collection made in the church at Montgomery for the Theological College,	13 25
	" "	of S. Mitchell, for collections made in the churches at Oyster Bay and North Hempstead for the Theological College, viz : at Oyster Bay, \$8 89 at North Hempstead 10 61	19 50
		Deduct a counterfeit Note of 2 00	17 50
			11852 71

Account continued.

1829.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By Balance brought forward,	11852 71
Dec.	18	By Cash of C. Miller, for the last instalment of the subscription of the following persons to the third Professorship, viz : Christian Miller, \$25 00 John E. and William C. Miller, 25 00 Benjamin Knowler, 10 00 Margaret Bruyn, 20 00 Richard V. De Witt, 50 00 Simeon De Witt, 25 00 Gideon Hawley and Anna Lansing, 20 00 Henry James Linn, 25 00 \$200 00 Deduct Discount on uncurrent Notes, 1 50	
			198 50
		“ “ of Mr. Christian Miller, for the last instalment of the subscription of the Consistory of the Second Dutch Church at Albany, to the third Professorship,	50 00
		“ “ of Rev. A. H. Dumont, on account of arrearages, due from the Classis of Remselaer for Minutes of General Synod,	14 00
	21	“ “ of Rev. P. P. Rouse, for the two last installments of his subscription to the third Professorship,	20 00
	30	“ “ of Rev. J. T. Field, for a collection made in the Second Dutch Church at Totawa, for the Theological College,	3 59
1830.	13	“ “ of Jacob R. Hardenbergh, for six months' Interest on his Bond, due 10th November last, \$140 00 and for premium of Insurance on his house in New Brunswick, paid by me 25 20	165 20
	18	“ “ of Rev. John E. Miller, for a collection made in the church at Tompkinsville for the Theological College,	1 96
Feb.	6	“ “ of Michael Van Beuren, for half a year's Interest on his Bond, due 30th Jan. last,	45 00
	11	“ “ of Jacob Burdett, for half a year's Interest on his Bond, due 10th Jan. last,	87 50
		“ “ of Z. Ring, for half a year's Interest on his Bond, due 9th December last,	140 00
	12	“ “ of John Williams, for half a year's Interest on his Bond, due 9th inst.,	245 00
	25	“ “ of J. W. Duryee, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the church in Market street, New York.	63 29
			12886 75

Account continued.

1830.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By Balance brought forward,	12886 75
March	9	By Cash of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c., for two quarterly instalments of \$375 each, of the sum of \$1500 per annum, granted to General Synod by the Collegiate Churches, New York, due 9th Nov. last, and is in full payment of that grant	750 00
	15	" " of C. Duryee, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the church at Flatbush,	12 09
	17	" " of B. H. Folger, for a collection made in the South Dutch Church, New York, for the Theological College,	30 47
	25	" " For a Dividend on Albany and Schenectady Turnpike Stock,	2 40
	26	" " of I. L. Kipp, Treasurer, &c., for six months Interest on a Bond of the Collegiate Churches, New York, due 20th December last,	150 00
	31	" " of Rev. Mr. Murphy, on account of the subscriptions of the following persons in the Classis of Schenectady to the third Professorship, viz: Catalina Condy, \$5 00 Myndert Wemple, (two years) 10 00 George Mead, 2 00	17 00
April	2	" " of Rev. S. Van Vechten, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Ulster,	25 00
		" " of Rev. A. H. Dumont, on account of arrearages due from the Classis of Rensselaer, for Minutes of General Synod,	30 00
	14	" " of Rev. R. P. Lee, Jun., on account of the subscription of the congregation at Montgomery, Orange County, to the third Professorship,	117 00
		" " of Manhattan Company, for four quarterly Dividends on New York State Stock, the last of which was due 1st Inst.,	48 00
	21	" " of Rev. G. Dubois, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of New York,	38 25
	26	" " of W. Schuneman, Agent, &c., collected by him from sundry persons, on account of their subscriptions to the third Professorship, viz: Paid me, \$352 00 Deduct a Counterfeit Note \$10 00 a Note of the Washington and Warren Bank, insolvent, for \$3. which produced on sale 2 25 Discount paid on uncur. Notes, 89 13 14	338 86
	29	" " of Rev. G. Ludlow, for a collection made in the church at Shannack for the Theological College,	8 00
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Account continued.

1830.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By Balance brought forward,	14453 82
April	29	By Cash of Rev. G. Ludlow, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Philadelphia,	8 00
May	1	“ “ of Rev. G. Abeel, for Minutes of General Synod for 1829, furnished to the Classis of Bergen,	7 50
		“ “ of Daniel Fanshaw, for six months Interest on his Bond due 6th inst.,	180 00
	4	“ “ of A. Clark, for a collection made in the church at Tappan for the Theological College,	9 10
	6	“ “ of M. Van Buren, for six months Interest on his Bond due 1st inst.,	75 00
		“ “ of Rev. P. Van Zandt Jun., for one year's Interest on his Note due 1st May, 1829,	7 00
		“ “ of Rev. S. H. Cox, for six months Interest on his Bond due 1st inst.	90 00
	11	“ “ of W. Hardenbrook, Jun., for the twenty-five cent contribution of the church at Harlem,	10 00
	12	“ “ of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of New Brunswick,	12 00
		“ “ of Rev. W. Eltinge, for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Paramus,	11 00
		“ “ of Rev. C. Z. Paulison, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the church at Aquackanonck,	10 40
	13	“ “ of Dr. G. R. Livingston, for collections made in the first church in Philadelphia, viz : For the Theological College, . . \$10 00 “ “ Contingent fund, . . . 10 00 “ “ Permanent fund, . . . 6 00	26 00
	17	“ “ of A. D. Ostrander, for the twenty-five cent contribution made in the Middle Dutch Church, New York, \$70 38 Deduct discount on uncurrent Notes, . . . 00 22	70 16
	19	“ “ of Rev. C. Z. Paulison, for a collection made in the church at Aquackanonck for the Theological College,	6 62
	26	“ “ of C. Zabriskie, for a Dividend on Bergen Turnpike Stock,	11 50
		“ “ of A. D. Ostrander, for the twenty-five cent collection made in the North Dutch Church, New York,	28 80
		“ “ of P. Spader, Treasurer &c., for a collection made in the church at New Brunswick for the Theological College,	15 49
		“ “ of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer &c., received by him from George W. Mentz, for licence to print an edition of the Psalm Book,	180 00
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1830.		CR.	Dolls	C.
		By balance brought forward,	152	12 39
May	28	By Cash of Rev. G. H. Fisher, for a collection made in the congregation of Bedminster for the increase of the Library &c., pursuant to a resolution of General Synod passed at their last meeting,		
		“ “ of Rev. J. I. Christie, for a collection made in the church at Warwick for the Theological College,	8	16
	31	“ “ of W. Schuneman, Agent, &c., collected by him from sundry persons in the Classis of Ulster and Rensselaer, on account of their subscriptions to third Professorship \$225 00		4 00
		Deduct discount on uncurrent Notes, 00 52		
			224	48
			15449	03
		Balance due General Synod brought down,	2024	33

Errors Excepted.

ISAAC YOUNG,

Treasurer, &c.

May 31, 1830.

ANNUAL DIGEST, 1830.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows, viz :

I. *The Van Benschoten Fund.*

The amount of this fund was, on the first day of April, 1830, as reported by Peter Spader, Deputy Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned on bond secured by mortgages in the State of New-Jersey,	\$17,741 82
Balance in the hands of the Deputy Treasurer, (\$300 of which belong to the principal of the fund,)	360 27
Interest due on the 1st May, 1830,	1234 51
There has been paid to Indigent Students, during the past year, out of this fund,	896 55

II. *Legacy of the late Miss Rebecca Knox.*

The amount of this fund is \$2,000, due from the Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, on their bond.

One year's Interest received this year, due Jan. 1, 1830	\$120 00
Balance in the Treasurer's hands last year	7 86
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	127 86
Paid Indigent Students past year,	90 00
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Balance,	37 86

III. *Indigent Students' Fund.*

The sum of \$180 has been received on account of this fund during the past year.

IV. *Indigent Students' Permanent Fund.*

To this fund nothing has been added to the \$200 paid by James Bogert, Jun. for its commencement.

V. *Heyer Scholarship.*

The sum of \$2,500, devised by Mr. Isaac Heyer, has been invested on Bond and Mortgage.

VI. *Permanent Professoral Fund of General Synod.*

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the Second and Third Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly belonging to this fund.

Loaned on Bonds secured by Mortgages, including the	
Bond of the Collegiate Churches in New-York,	\$46,500 00
Professoral Fund late in the hands of the Trustees of	
Rutgers College, transferred to General Synod,	9,750 00
Six per cent. Stock of the State of New-York,	800 00
Twenty three Shares of Bergen Turnpike Stock, (ten of	
which belong to Rutgers College.) valued at	575 00
Four Shares of Albany and Schenectady Turnpike Stock,	
valued at	240 00
Notes of hand given for subscriptions,	300 00
Balance in the Treasurer's hands to be invested,	2024 33
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	60,189 33

VII. *Collections in the Churches.*

During the past year there has been received from this source,	
For the Permanent Fund,	\$85 20
“ Contingent do.	10 00
“ Twenty-five Cent Donations,	263 24
“ Theological College,	375 80
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	734 24

VIII. *Cent Societies.*

Nothing has been received from this source during the past year.

IX. *Minutes of General Synod.*

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod,

during the past year. \$164 50

And there has been paid for Printing, Paper, &c. 125 41

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC L. KIP, *President.*

CORNELIUS HEYER,

WILLIAM M. MURRAY, } *Directors.*

ABRAHAM VAN NEST, }

ISAAC YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

New-York, May 31. 1830.

Resolved, That the Rev. Jacob Brodhead D. D., J. M. Mathews, D. D., and the Elder John Moffit, be a Committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons who constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

The Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation—when Mr. Isaac L. Kip was chosen President; Messrs. Cornelius Heyer, Rev William McMurray, D. D., and Abraham Van Nest, were chosen Directors; and Mr. Isaac Young was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

The President of the last Synod reported that a letter had been prepared by the committee appointed for that purpose, to the Reformed Protestant Church of France, which had been signed by himself and the Stated Clerk and despatched to France.

The Rev. Archibald Alexander, D. D., and Samuel Bayard, Esq.; a ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church appeared in Synod, and having produced testimonials of their appointment by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, took their seats as Corresponding Members of the Synod.

The Rev. George Wack, of the German Reformed Church appeared, and having presented a copy of the Minutes of the last

meeting of the German Synod, took his seat as a Corresponding Member.

A respectful letter from the Stated Clerk of the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, addressed to the Stated Clerk of Synod was presented—read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

A communication was received from the Permanent Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, on the subject of an amendment, proposed to the Articles of Correspondence by the General Synod at their last meeting, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Resolved, that the Rev Eli Baldwin, and the Elder Abraham Van Nest be delegates *primarii*; and the Rev. Isaac Ferris, and the Elder Abraham Van Vechten be delegates *secundi*, to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, that the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, and John F. Schermerhorn be delegates *primarii*; and the Rev. Thomas M. Strong, and John H. Van Wagenen be delegates *secundi*, to attend the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

Your Committee beg leave to report,

That it appears from the documents referred to them, that your delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and to the German Reformed Synod, have attended the meetings of those bodies, and been kindly and respectfully received by them; and that the friendly correspondence existing with those bodies, will greatly subserve the common cause of our Redeemer and tend to increase and promote the peace and harmony of our respective Churches.

That the article proposed to the General Assembly, to be added to the Articles of Correspondence existing between these two bodies, has been concurred in and adopted by them in the following words :

“ That none of the inferior judicatories under the care of the corresponding churches, shall be at liberty to admit into their respective bodies or under their care, any student or licentiate from the sister

church, without a regular dismission from the ecclesiastical body or Theological Seminary to which he is considered as attached."

(Attest)

JOHN M'DOWEL, *Permanent Clerk.*

That the communication to the Associate Reformed Church, making overtures for the opening of a correspondence with that body, on the same terms as that existing between this General Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, was not received in time to be laid before that body at their last meeting ; but will be submitted to them at their next Session.

Your Committee cannot learn that any answer has been received to the letters sent to the Reformed Churches of France and the Synod of Holland.

They would also recommend the opening of a correspondence with the Associate Synod of Scotland and the North of Ireland.

J. F. SCHERMERHORN, *Chairman.*

The following report was received from one of the members appointed by this Synod to attend the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod.

The undersigned begs leave respectfully to state : that he attended the last meeting of the German Reformed Synod, held at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and was kindly and affectionately treated by that sister church. By an almost unanimous voice of that body, their Theological seminary formerly located at Carlisle, has been removed to York, and an additional Professor has been chosen to assist the present very worthy incumbent.

G. R. LIVINGSTON.

Philadelphia, June 7, 1830.

The following report was received from the Delegate to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly.

The undersigned begs leave to report : that agreeably to his appointment, he attended the late Session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, was cordially received and admitted to the privileges of a corresponding member. The undersigned is

happy to report, that the General Assembly readily adopted the Article proposed at the last Session of this body, to be added to the Articles of Correspondence between the two Churches.

PETER LABAGH.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.

Agreeably to a resolution passed at the last meeting, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the Session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan reported by a Committee of Arrangements.

Whereas, it becomes the members of this Synod to abound in both private and public prayers to God for a spirit of brotherly love, for singleness of eye to his glory, and for a plenteous blessing on the churches ; therefore, *Resolved*, That we agree to meet every morning during the session of Synod, at 6 o'clock, in the Consistory Room, to spend an hour in social prayer and praise.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, and their Report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the State of Religion respectfully submit the following Report :—

All circumstances relating to the Saviour's kingdom are of great importance to the world, and must be peculiarly and deeply interesting to every real friend of the Church. The condition, and progress, and influence of the Church are matters that lie near every Christian's heart, and engage the best and most intense feelings of his soul. When the interests and glory of the Church are increased, the Christian rejoices in her prosperity, and raises his pious and fervent ejaculations in gratitude to her preserver and Leader ; but when the interests of the Church are in any measure diminished, he sincerely mourns over her adversity, and most heartily pours out his soul in prayer to Almighty God to counteract the evils by which she is assailed. Under the control and influence of Divine Grace he re-

joices when the people of God have reason to rejoice, and he mourns when they have reason to mourn. His feelings correspond with the interests of the Church.

In surveying that part of the Church which is under the more immediate supervision of this body, some things seem calculated to excite *joy*, and others *sorrow*, in the minds of devoted Christians. In the wise dispensation of his providence and grace, God has kindly furnished us with some renewed and conclusive evidence during the past year, that he continues to hear the prayers and to bless the faithful exertions of his people; that his Holy Spirit is still going forward in the accomplishment of his glorious office-work; that he is determined to perpetuate the establishment of the Christian Church in the world; and that greater numbers shall be found, who, by their lives and conduct, bear testimony to the reality, the efficacy, and the happy influence of pure and undefiled religion.

The Churches which have been more especially blessed with reviving showers of Divine Grace, are those of Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Second Church in Albany, Schenectady, First and Second Churches in Glenville, Columbia in Montgomery Classis, and Owasco, and Lodi, formerly Ovid, in Cayuga classis. In Poughkeepsie, the work is extensive and powerful; and sixty-five, most of whom are youth, have been already received into church communion as fruits of this revival; in Kingston, 28; in the Second Church, in Albany, 50; in Columbia, 25; in Owasco, 83, and in Lodi, 52: have professedly taken the yoke of Christ upon them. In the Churches of the Boght and Albany, much successful attention has been paid to the colored population. In some of these Churches the work is represented as still progressing, and its character bears marks of much heart-felt and deep-toned piety. It gives the friends of Zion reason to take courage, and, in the name and strength of their Leader, the great Head of the Church, to move onward in the discharge of their duties, and in the increase of their efforts to evangelize the world.

In addition to those churches already mentioned, your Committee would observe that several others have been favored with at least a few drops of special and saving grace. As far as Classical reports have been received, we learn that the Churches of Union Village, Paramus, Esopus, Hurley, New Paltz, Union Church in Amsterdam, Greenwich, Broome Street, and others in the city of New York, as

well as in other parts of our bounds, have been blessed by considerable accessions made to their members. It is already ascertained, that more than 1560 members have, during the past year, been added by confession and certificate to the different Churches under your jurisdiction. And, during the same period, the dismissions, suspensions, and deaths in said Churches amount to about one third of that number. We have therefore reason to render praise and gratitude to God, for augmenting the number of his professed followers in our connexion more than one thousand, since the last annual meeting of General Synod.

Our Church has been increasing its members not only, but it has also extended its boundaries and influence. Some new Churches have been organized, additional congregations have been gathered, and different Missionary stations along our borders, and within our bounds, have been surveyed and designated. A spirit of benevolence in its several branches, has, to some degree, been manifested. The benevolent and charitable institutions of the day have put in requisition a share of the energies and treasures of the Church. And some Churches have contributed largely, and, we trust, willingly, to sustain these desirable and heaven-born operations. By the benevolent operations of our Missionary Society, many of the destitute and indigent congregations in our connexion have been supplied with evangelical and successful labors of faithful ministers. Such appears to be the influence of that Society, that we deem it no inconsiderable means in the enlargement of our Church. To its operations we are constrained to attribute a large share of our success. Missionary stations have been occupied, moral deserts have been cultivated, and some of those places formerly desolate and dreary, have been made, by the divine blessing, to blossom and bring forth fruit unto the praise of God's grace. But still we would say to the Managers of the Missionary operations, *Persevere* in your exertions: a great and important work is before you: your field of labors is the *world*: there remains much land to be possessed: possess it, and cultivate it; and the God of Zion will smile on your efforts: and you may eternally associate with those who have been saved through the instrumentality of your benevolence.

A willingness is manifested by some Churches to unite with those of other denominations, in carrying into effect the noble and lauda-

ble resolution of the American Bible Society, to furnish every destitute family in our beloved country with a copy of the sacred Scriptures. They have also contributed towards the more extensive circulation of religious Tracts. These little messengers have gone forth with a "still small voice;" and in many instances they have exerted a powerful influence, and performed that for the peace and prosperity of Zion, which no other means apparently could accomplish. Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, in many of our Churches, have gone into successful operation. Temperance Societies have been formed on the principle of entire abstinence from the use of distilled spirits. And such is their happy influence on the whole population of many towns and neighborhoods, in preserving the temperate from gliding into habits of using intoxicating draughts, and in reclaiming the tippler, and even the drunkard, that they certainly recommend themselves to the attention and most cordial and united support of all the friends of Zion.

The ordinary course of means for the promotion of religion, have been employed in the different congregations favored with stated labors of the ministry. The Gospel has been preached; the ordinances of the Church administered; the Sabbath day sanctified; Catechetical instruction imparted; prayer meetings and other religious exercises observed; and the visiting of families and schools performed.

In looking over the whole field before us, we find much to gladden our hearts, and to constrain us to rejoice in the Lord. We may rejoice in the addition of numbers, of strength, and of influence with which the God of Zion has favored us during the past year. We may rejoice in that peace, and harmony, and Christian feeling, which have prevailed in most of our churches, and which have been manifested reciprocally in our religious intercourse and interchange of views and feelings with other Christian denominations of our country. And we may rejoice on the approach of that period, when the watchmen on the heights of Zion "shall see eye to eye," and the glory of God in the salvation of souls shall be displayed through the whole world.

From the narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, we learn the pleasing and soul-cheering intelligence, that the Lord is graciously smiling

upon that portion of Zion. No retrograde movement has marked her course during the past year. The elevated rank which she held among her sister Churches, has been fully maintained. The Lord has greatly added to her numbers. Her Theological and Literary institutions are flourishing. And the different benevolent enterprises of the day are regarded with increasing interest, and receive a liberal and prompt support.

From the Synod of the German Reformed Church, we learn that the general aspect of things within their bounds is favorable: that in Frederick City and Baltimore the Lord is pouring out his spirit, and bringing sinners to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Your Committee think it necessary, for the prosperity of the Churches and of our nation, that something should be done to promote the more strict and proper observance of the Christian Sabbath. Christians, by their prayers, examples, precepts, and influence, ought to promote the sanctification of the holy day. And we should unite, with other religious denominations, in the promotion of a cause so vital and valuable. And what we do, must be done quickly. No time should be lost. The Sabbath breaker is now progressing in his course. We must, if possible, arrest his progress, and, by divine influence assisting, show him his error. Soon our period of labors will terminate. Very soon may we be summoned to follow into eternity the departed spirits of our beloved brethren—the Rev. Dr Alexander Gunn, and the Rev. Cornelius D. Schermerhorn, whose period of labors has been closed since your last annual meeting. And if we are found faithful in our labors until we depart hence, we shall be permitted hereafter to enter that heavenly rest, of which the Christian Sabbath we here enjoy is but a blessed anticipation.

Permit us to move the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That we highly approve of the leading sentiment contained in the Constitution of the American Temperance Society, and, therefore most earnestly recommend to all the congregations in our connexion, to organize without delay, and encourage and support Temperance Societies, based on the principle of total abstinence from the use of distilled spirits.

Whereas, it is evident that the fourth commandment of the sacred

Decalogue is much violated in many of our congregations, and in the country at large; therefore,

Resolved, That we deem it the duty of the different Classes, Ministers, and all the Churches in our connexion, to take immediate, and, if possible, efficient measures to secure the more strict and proper observance of the Christian Sabbath within their respective spheres of influence.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JACOB VAN VECHTEN, *Chairman*.

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Rec'd	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
New York	G. A. Kuypers John Knox W. C. Brownlee Thomas De Witt	415	1973		29	24	14			13		36	1
North West, or Franklin Street	George Dubois	225	1250	*	14	21	10	2	6			30	6
Greenwich	N. I. Marselus	225	1250		269	41	10	11	3		307	33	1
Broom Street	J. Brodhead				188	27	16	4	3		224	32	1
Houston Street	Eli Baldwin	100	500		132	13	11	2			154	21	2
Haerlem*	C. C. Vermule	90			56				1		60	3	2
Bloomingdale*	Vacant	56			51	4					55	15	
Fordham	J. F. Jackson	60			36		4		1		39	10	2
Tarrytown*	T. G. Smith	120			144	5		2			190	3	1
Staten Island	P. I. Van Pelt	211	847	183		6	3				186	24	1

* Not having received any returns from these Churches, the account is taken from the return of last year, as directed by Synod.

Ministers without charges—Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook and Rev. Isaac Labagh.

Rev. Abraham I. Labagh laboring at the Island of St. Thomas.

Licentiates—Robert Kirkwood, Isaac D. Cole, Francis M. Kip, Christopher Hunt, Aaron A. Marselus, and a coloured man.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
South Church	J. M. Mathews	225	1150	413	217	10	1	2	41	9	22	4
Market Street	W. M'Murray	250	1200	352	5	15	12		7	35	30	3
Tompkin-ville	John E. Miller	54	270	40		1			1	40	6	
Courtlandtown	Vacant	50	250	40						40		
Orchard Street	J. B. Hardenbergh	135	675	120	3	6				129		
Manhattan	Vacant	50	250		7	8				40	6	1

Ministers without charges—Rev. Alexander Denham, David S. Bogart, James H. Teller, and Abraham Hoffman; Candidate Thomas A. Ammerman; Rev. John Al Burtis, Pastor elect of the Church of Courtlandtown; Rev. Charles Knouse, Pastor elect of the Church of Manhattan.

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.			
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.	
Six Mile Run	J. Romeyn				6	18					32		
Rariton	R. D. Vankleeck	251	1654	355	4	1	15		11	3	4	31	
Hillsborough	J. L. Zabriskie	130			8	4	1	1	4			17	
Bedminster	I. M. Fisher	200	1200		4	16	3	1	2			0	3
North Branch	G. H. Fisher	64	400	69	8	2			1		78	6	
Lebanon	J. I. Schultz	122	761	106					1	3	103	11	
Rockaway		66	433	90	1	3	1		1	92	15	1	
Spotswood	H. L. Rice	214	1273		2	7	2	2	3	88	12	3	
Freehold	S. A. Van Vranken	130	650		4	15	1		1	118	12	4	
Middletown	J. T. B. Beekman	115	600		10	2			1	84	7	5	

No returns from the Churches of New Brunswick, Walpack, Minisink and Mahakkamak.

Ministers without charges—Rev. J. Cornell, J. Mabon, J. Mulligan, and J. S. Demund.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Bergen	Benj. C. Taylor	165	965	193	1	5	5	9	2	183	33	1
Hackensack and Schraalenberg	J. V. C. Romeyn											
E. Neighbourhood	P. Duryea											
Belleville	G. Abeel	112			6	13				105	25	1
Stonehouse Plains	Vacant											
Fairfield	J. G. Ogilvie	170	1000	100	2	2			2	98	12	
Pompton	Vacant											
Pompton Plains	A. Messler	106	530		1	1			2	89	27	
Montville	A. Messler											
Ponds	Z. H. Kuypers	65	353	55								
Preakness		55	251	45								
Wyckoff		78	457	59								
Bergen Neck	I. C. Boice	53	318	8	8	7				23	4	
Jersey City		50	250							36		

Ministers without charges—Rev. Peter Stryker, John Duryea and J. G. Tarbell.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		In Communion per last report.	Communicants.					Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.		Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Tappan }	N. Lansing	154	519			2	2		4	138	25	
Clarkstown }		159	595							155	23	
Saddle River }	Stephen Goetchius	140	490	119	2	2	1	2	5	117	13	
Pasack }												
Paramus }	W. Eltinge	170	1050	243	4	22	1		1	267	25	
1st Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa }		130	750	38	6	5	4			95	15	
2d Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa }	Jacob T. Field	125		52	2	16				68	23	2
Warwick }	John I. Christie	60		72	1		1		3	69	6	
West N. Hempstead }												
Ramapo }	J. Wynkoop											
Ackquachinunk }	C. Z. Paulison	173	1127		1	1	2	1	1	97	5	
Hackensack and Schraalenberg }												

CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		In Communion per last report.	Communicants .					Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.		Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Brooklyn	P. P. Rouse	120	700	99	8	12	3		2	144	15	1
New Utrecht	John Beattie											
Gravesend	Vacant	70	350									
Flatlands and	Wm. Crookshank	80	500	52	2				1	53	10	
New Lots		80	500	43		3			1	45	8	
Flatbush	Thomas M. Strong	80	650	115	4	5	1	2		111	12	
Bushwick	Vacant	75	375	91	5			1	2	95	14	
Newtown	J. Schoonmaker	84	580	93		3			2	94	7	
Jamaica	do.	120	800	113	1	9	2			121	15	1
North Hempstead	James Otterson	38	185	34	2	2			4	32	1	
Oyster Bay	do.	58	280	61		2			2	61	5	
Williamsburgh	Vacant	31	186		1	3				22		

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
First R. D. Phil.	G. R. Livingston	300	1500	492	3	36	14	3	6	508	25	11
Second R. D. do.	J. C. Sears	110	550	95	3	14	12*	3	1	100	6	3
New Shannack	G. Ludlow	180	900	152	5	3	2	1	1	155	26	
North and South Hampton }	A. O. Halsey	101	571	79	3	4	3	3	1	82	5	1
Harlingen	P. Labagh	152	760	207	1	9	1	4	2	214	17	1
North Branch	J. Van Lieu	240	1200		3	13			2	172	32	
Manayunch	Vacant	40	200							18		

Rev. Abraham H. Dumont stated supply at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, Pa.
 Rev. Jacob Lazalere without a charge.

* Eleven of this number were dismissed to connect themselves with the Church at Manayunch.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In Communion per last report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Hopewell	C. Whitehead	100	600	118	3	4	5	1	1	118	17	1
New Hackensack	M. W. Dwight	120	700	148		6				155	2	
Poughkeepsie	C. C. Cuyler			319	5	69	9		4	376	10	28
Hyde Park	W. Cahoon	70		63	9	7				63	4	
Red Hook	A. N. Kittle			105		5	4		3	103	13	
Kingston	J. Gosman		1750	459	5	28		3	2	485	56	7
Linlithgow	E. Holmes	120	850	111		5				116	23	2
Fishkill	C. D. Westbrook											
Rhinebeck	Vacant											
Greenbush	H. Vedder											
Taghkanick	do.											
Red Hook Landing	Vacant											
Fishkill Landing	W. S. Heyer	75	550	115	4	8	1	1		124	11	2

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

CLASSIS OF ALBANY.

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CLASSIS OF ULSTER.

[illegible]

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

[illegible]

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

[illegible]

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Saratoga	H. M. Boyd	64	275	55	2		5			60	3	
Union Village	J. D. Fonda			70	11	44	26		13	56	28	16
Easton												
Waterford												
Schaghticoke												
Tyashoke												
Wynantskill	C. Bogardus											
Northumberland												
Fort Miller												
Argyle												
Chester												
Wilton												

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total of Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Confession.	On Certificate	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Owasco	Vacant	125			83			1		211		
Chittenango	Do.					3	3		3	54		
Lysander	Do.											
Lodi	Asa Bennet	140			52	11			1	199	20	22
Sandbeach	H. Heermance									80		
Six Mile Creek	G. Mandeville											
Cato	Vacant											

* Four returned from the secession.

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes report, that on the Minutes of the last Meeting of the General Synod, they find on page 208 referring to their being called upon and not ready to report, it is “ *Resolved*, That the Committee on the Widows’ Fund be continued, and that they be directed to report at the next stated meeting of the Synod.”

On the Minutes of the Particular Synod of New-York, the following items are presented for consideration,—to wit :

1. A reference through them, from the Classis of Long Island, in the following words :—“ To define the powers of their Board of Missions, and to adopt such measures as will more effectually guard our churches from future intrusion,” accompanied with an expression of the “ decided disapprobation made by said Classis of certain uncourteous and irregular proceedings,” with which they charge the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of our Church of having been guilty, at two several times, within their bounds.

2. Also, on page 22, an appeal appears to be taken by the Rev. Ava Neal, from a late resolution passed by the Particular Synod of New-York, not sustaining his appeal to them from the decision of the Classis of Bergen, suspending him from the ministerial office.

On page 20 of their Minutes, the Particular Synod of New-York unite with the Classis of Poughkeepsie in recommending, in compliance with a request of the Consistory of Kingston, (now connected with the Classis of Poughkeepsie,) the transfer of the Church under the care of said Consistory, to the Classis of Ulster. The Committee recommend that this request be granted.

On the same page, they find a recommendation by the Classis of Poughkeepsie, of Samuel W. Gaylord, a Member in full communion of the Church of Hyde Park, for aid from the Van Benschoten, or other funds.

J. B. HARDENBERGH, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to the reference of the Classis of Long Island, on the subject of an alleged interference of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, be referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolved, That so much of the above report as relates to Mr. Samuel W. Gaylord, be referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

The Committee on Overtures reported, and their report was accepted and is as follows :—

The Committee on Overtures report that nothing has been presented before them requiring the notice of Synod.

JAMES G. OGILVIE, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

The following Appeal taken by the Classis of Long Island from a decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, was presented to Synod, viz :—

To the Reverend the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church—

Resolved, unanimously, That Classis appeal from the act of Particular Synod of New York, transferring the congregation of Bushwick to the South Classis of New York, for the following reasons :—

I. Because the arbitrary association of disconnected churches, in the formation of Classical Assemblies, directly contravenes the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the Reformed Dutch Church. From a careful inspection of the rules of Church Government adopted by the Synod of Dort, and revised by the American churches, with the articles explanatory of the same, it is evident to the mind of Classis that prejudices, preference, like or dislike, were never designed as a rule for the guidance of Particular Synod, in the organization or enlargement of these courts. But on the contrary, it is found in all such cases that no other rule has been recognized than geographical contiguity, by the acknowledged standards of our churches. In Art. 41 of Church Order, it is expressly declared that “classical assemblies shall be composed of neighboring churches, each of whom shall send

one Minister and one Elder to the place agreed upon at the rising of the preceding Classis." The 38th Explanatory article commenting on the above, expressly states that "Classes consist of all the Ministers, with each an Elder, and one Elder from each vacant congregation within a particular district. In this assembly an immediate representation of all the churches within those limits is formed, and a power for regulating the common measures for promoting religion, preventing error, and preserving peace within such districts is lodged." The insulated situation of the Churches on the Island, as well as their proximity to each other, renders their meeting and associating together in classis extremely natural and convenient. Providence seems to have fixed their natural bounds, and to have drawn a broad watery line between them and the Churches in the city. Besides, the whole number of delegates from the Churches on the Island, when assembled together, form at most but a Classis of ordinary size. Neither is there any prospect of increasing their number, otherwise than by the formation of new congregations within their own limits. The Classis of Long Island, therefore, can see no reason for the late act of Particular Synod, lessening their number, and cannot help but regard the cutting off the congregation of Bushwick, and transferring it across the intervening churches of Brooklyn and Williamsburgh to the South Classis of New-York, as a violation of the Constitution of the Church, and an injurious encroachment upon the bounds of Classis.

II. The second reason of appeal is, that the act of Synod, transferring the congregation of Bushwick, when viewed in connexion with circumstances, seems to cast a reflection, if not indirectly a censure on the proceedings of Classis. It is well known, that the application of the Consistory of Bushwick to the Particular Synod, arose from dissatisfaction with the act of Classis organizing the new congregation in the village of Williamsburgh, opposite the city of New-York. Consistory appealed from the decision of the Classis at the time, and arrangements were made on our part to meet the appeal in the higher courts of the Church. But the Consistory has since seen fit to abandon the cause which they commenced as appellants, and to manifest their dissatisfaction and to seek for redress in a different manner; in a manner which Classis regrets to find has only proved too successful. They have complained that our proceedings were irre-

gular, unconstitutional, and oppressive—that our treatment was partial, unkind, and marked with a peculiar disregard to their welfare. With these complaints they presented their request of transfer to the Particular Synod; and the granting of this request on the part of Synod, without even a saving clause for the Classis, seems, by natural inference, to be yielding assent to the truth of the reasons which they assign for this application. If Consistory had carried up their appeal, Classis would have had an opportunity of showing that these complaints were groundless—that the measures adopted, were only those which reason and duty pointed out, and such as the nature of the case imperiously demanded. They could have shown that a large church had already been erected by the toil and expense of the people of Williamsburgh—that it was a growing village, consisting of more than one thousand inhabitants, with no other place of worship, except a small Methodist chapel: they could have shown that this people were determined to obtain a separate organization, either from us, or from some sister denomination, and that no other course was left, in order to preserve this new and promising church to our connexion, than that which, we trust in the fear of God, Classis has been led to adopt. We do, therefore, most decidedly disapprove of the decision of Particular Synod, implicating our proceedings, by yielding assent to the application of the Consistory of Bushwick.

III. Classis appeals from this decision, because its example will be injurious. It will be injurious to those whose application it grants; it will have a tendency to increase that spirit of insubordination, that disregard to peace and harmony, that they have already manifested, and make them far less disposed to submit to the constituted authorities of the Church than they were before. The conclusion in their minds will be natural, that if one Classis does not yield to their views, or submit to their wishes, they can easily renounce its authority, separate to a second, a third, a fourth, and a fifth, as suasion or prejudice may require. But had the Particular Synod, as the Classis humbly conceives, shielded as it was by the constitutional rules of the Church, and the inexpediency of the case, met the application of the Consistory of Bushwick with the spirit of Christian firmness, they would have rendered an essential service to the applicants themselves, and would, also, have furnished a wholesome precedent for the Church at large to follow.

But, on the other hand, if this inauspicious act of Particular Synod is confirmed, Classis is clearly of the opinion, that it will have a tendency to widen the difference, and to perpetuate the unhappy state of feeling, which now exists between the neighboring congregations of Bushwick and Williamsburg ; and that it will present to the rest of the churches on the Island a dangerous example, which, in cases of future difficulty, may be extremely injurious to their welfare. Classis is also convinced, that the example of this decision will be injurious to the beauty and harmony of the Church in general ; because they are well aware, that any violations of the constitution and orders of the Church, only make way for still broader violations ; one bad precedent is only pleaded as an example for another, and when these precedents become frequent, (as they certainly will if allowed to proceed,) the authority of our ecclesiastical courts will become entirely relaxed and useless. If the ecclesiastical relations of one, two, or three congregations can be changed at pleasure, or upon some fancied grievance, upon the same principle the relation of all the churches, throughout our whole connexion, may be immediately broken up, and our Classes become nothing more than mere voluntary associations. Every tie which now binds the Church in harmony together, and gives weight to her authority, will be completely severed ; and every thing like order will soon come to an end. Therefore, let the higher courts pause while they can. Let them arrest the tide of irregularity, before irregularity shall have got beyond their control. Let not the example of previous violations be plead as an excuse for this, for it will only cause this to be plead as an excuse for others. The beauty of the Church has already been sufficiently marred by former irregularities of the same nature ; and this deformity now in some places continues to appear conspicuous upon her surface. But rather let these violations be exhibited as beacons or marks of danger to be shunned, than under any circumstances to be held up as examples worthy of future imitation. The classis of Long Island, therefore, hope and trust, that the decision of Particular Synod, transferring the congregation of Bushwick to the South Classis of New York, without assigning even a single reason, will not be confirmed.

IV. The fourth reason assigned for this appeal is, that the Consistory of Bushwick seems to have been rash and unadvised in making this application to Particular Synod. They had not previously con-

vened or consulted either the congregation or the great consistory. It seems to have been a business of their own, independent of the church and congregation whom they officially represent.

With these views, and for these reasons, Classis submit their appeal to the judgment and candor of the General Synod.

A true extract from the Minutes of the Classis of Long Island.

P. P. ROUSE, *Stated Clerk*.

The Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker and John Beattie were accredited as Commissioners, on the part of the Classis of Long Island, to prosecute their appeal.

Resolved, That the Rev. Nicholas I. Marselus, James B. Hardenbergh, and Peter Labagh, be heard, as respondents, on behalf of the Particular Synod of New York.

The Synod proceeded in the consideration of the said appeal, in the following order :—

1. The *Appeal*, and the *reasons* of appeal, were read.
2. The *Appellants* were heard by their Commissioners.
3. The *Respondents* were heard.
4. The *Appellants* were heard in *reply*.

The Synod proceeded to *deliberate* and *decide*, excluding from a vote such members as had voted in the case, either in Classis or Particular Synod.

The following motion was made and seconded :—

Resolved, That the Appeal be sustained.

The question being taken on this resolution, it was carried in the *affirmative*.

A motion was subsequently made to *reconsider* the above decision; which was *lost*. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. William M. Murray, D. D., P. I. Van Pelt, J. Sickles, and the Elders A. Van Nest, and Everardus Warner, be a Committee, on the part of this Synod, to confer with the Classis of Long Island, and the Consistory of the Church at Bush-

wich, with a view to make an amicable adjustment of the existing difficulties.

The Appeal of the Rev. Ava Neal, from the decision of the Particular Synod of New-York, confirming the decision of the Classis of Bergen in his case, was called up, and a communication was received from the President of the last ordinary meeting of the Particular Synod of New York, transmitting the reasons of appeal put into his hands by the Rev. Ava Neal.

A letter was received from Mr. Neal, requesting Synod to postpone the consideration of his appeal to the next General Synod, and assigning reasons for said request: whereupon it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the Appeal of the Rev. Ava Neal, agreeably to his request, be deferred to the next General Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE X.

Doctrines and Morals.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XI.

Customs and Usages.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

The following communication was received from the Executive

Committee of the Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

At a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Education Board of the Reformed Dutch Church held May 31, 1830, the following resolution was introduced and unanimously carried :—

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. W. M'Murray, and the Rev Dr. J. Brodhead, be a Committee on the part of the Executive Committee, to confer with the General Synod and the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, and see if they will consent to fix the appropriation to beneficiaries at \$100 per annum ; and, in such case, this committee will fix the maximum of appropriation, by amending the by-laws, as to read \$100 instead of \$90 per annum.

Extract from the Minutes.

ISAAC A. VAN HOOK, *Recording Secretary*.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented and adopted :—

Whereas, the Sabbath School institution is becoming increasingly important, and is destined, in the Providence of God, materially to affect, if not entirely mould, the character of the Church ; and *whereas*, it is highly desirable to make Sabbath Schools the nurseries of the Church; and secure to them such instruction as shall particularly tend to preserve sound doctrine : therefore,

Resolved, 1. That it be recommended to the several Ministers and Consistories in our Church, where it is not already the case, to take the school or schools, formed of teachers and scholars belonging to their churches and congregations, under their oversight and care.

2. That while this Synod do highly appreciate the value of " Bible Questions," yet it be recommended to the Consistories and Superintendents of Sabbath Schools in the Reformed Dutch Church, to introduce into their schools, where it is not already the case, the standard Catechisms of our Church, or such others as are approved by the Church ; provided such use of Catechisms in Sabbath Schools

be not permitted to interfere with, or take the place of, the regular weekly catechetical instruction by the pastor.

3. That the attention of the ministers and literary laymen of this Church, be particularly called to the importance of preparing either in the form of original works, or of translations from the Dutch language, catechetical expositions of the Catechisms in use in our Church, or Scriptural helps for the benefit of Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools.

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers College.

The following Report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church,—

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers College, respectfully beg leave to submit their annual report. In discharging this duty, they embrace this opportunity of congratulating the Synod upon the success which thus far has crowned the efforts of the friends and patrons of the Institution. The reasonable expectations which were formed of its utility and prosperity, have not, we trust, been disappointed; and its present condition bids us rejoice in hope of its future welfare. Surrounded as we are, in every part of our widely extended country, with literary institutions, many of them of established character and reputation, we can nevertheless claim for our College at least a respectable rank among her sisters. To the unwavering zeal, distinguished ability, and energy of its professors, we are indebted, under Providence, for the favorable view we are enabled to offer of its concerns.

The Faculty, in presenting their accustomed report to the Superintendents, have embraced several topics of great interest to the well being of the College; we beg leave, therefore, for the information of Synod, to transcribe the most of their report in detail, which is as follows, viz. :

“ That the whole number of Students now in the Literary Institution is 62—viz. in the Senior Class, 26 ; in the Junior, 17 ; in the Sophomore, 6 ; and in the Freshman Class, 13. It having pleased God, since our last report, to lay his afflicting hand upon Professor Neilson, in a disease precluding such hope of recovery as to re-assume his professoral labors, he conceived it to be his duty to resign, and did resign accordingly. The Rev. Alexander M^cClelland, one of the Professors of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Penn., was, by the Board of Trustees, chosen in his place, and entered upon his official duties on the 17th September, 1829.

“ The Board of Superintendents will remember, that information was given them in the last annual report, that a course of Lectures had been delivered the preceding winter, by Mr. John Finch, on the popular sciences of geology, mineralogy, and chemistry. The Board will also recollect, that the Lectures were sustained by individual subscription, and that the mode of raising money by such subscription was found so exceptionable, that an appeal to General Synod was deemed necessary. The appeal was made, and, as appears from the Minutes of Synod, committees were appointed to collect moneys for this purpose. On inquiry, however, made last autumn, of the Treasurer of General Synod, it was found that none of these committees had reported. In consequence, therefore, of deficiency of means, no Lectures on these branches of science were delivered during the last winter. We are constrained to press this matter upon the attention of the Board, and earnestly to urge, that more efficient measures may be taken for the coming year, to secure the same extent and kinds of instruction given in surrounding institutions.

“ In consequence of the extraordinary efforts made and making in neighboring colleges, to increase the number of their students, and under the apprehension that leading and influential officers of our church might suppose that the revival of Rutgers College had put off the character of an experiment, and put on that of an absolute certainty, a circular letter (a copy of which is herewith presented) has been recently sent to all the Ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church. The Board will perceive from this letter, that every thing has been done that was in the power of the Faculty, to call the attention of the churches to our Institution, and to induce to prompt and

vigorous co-operation in its behalf. We are assured that the Board of Superintendents will second this effort, by presenting the whole subject to General Synod in the strong terms which its importance requires."

'The Faculty would call the attention of the Board of Superintendents to the Beneficiaries put under their care by the Education Society of the Reformed Dutch Church. These Beneficiaries are now received without any compensation for their instruction. As the funds committed to the Education Society by the friends of our Church, are mainly intended for the support of the Institution at New Brunswick, would it not be desirable, and entirely meet the views of the donors, if the Education Society could be prevailed upon to pay at least one half the ordinary tuition fees, especially as funds are so much needed at present to widen the range of our literary instruction. We would also inquire whether any, and if any, what efficient means can be devised, for establishing or reviving Grammar Schools, that shall be friendly to this College. In connexion with this question, we would inform the Board, that there are three distinguished young men of the Senior Class, who will be ready to enter upon the business of instruction in classical literature immediately after commencement; and that if suitable encouragement should offer, that others might be induced to engage in the same employment.

'Some valuable donations in books for our Library, have been received during the past year, especially from Dr. John Clark, and Mr. James Bogert, Jun., both members of the Collegiate Dutch Church of New York. If the good example of these gentlemen should be followed by others, whose hearts are with us, we might soon, and without any very great effort, be furnished with important additions to our Library. Dr. Richie, of Scotland, has made a donation in money, for the purchase of theological books for the Library, which have, we believe, been purchased, and will soon be forwarded to New Brunswick.

'We have been honored by the transmission of some valuable charts and other interesting public documents, sent on to us, by order of Congress, from Washington. A portrait of our venerable patron, Col. Rutgers, has been presented. It has been deposited in the Li-

brary, until the place it is to occupy shall be designated by the Board. A valuable and useful philosophical curiosity, showing the structure of the human ear, has also been presented by Dr. Hosack.

‘It was stated in our last report to the Board, that no small inconvenience had arisen for want of a committee duly authorised to order necessary repairs to the College edifice, and to defray unavoidable incidental expenses. We hope to be excused in presenting this subject once more to your notice. It is not necessary to do more than thus barely to present it. The Board will perceive its importance, and that the embarrassments growing out of it can only be removed by their representations to General Synod.

‘It has pleased God, during the past year, to give general health to the College. None of our Students have been removed by death. Some have recently left us for want of funds, and others through neglect of duty, or our numbers would have considerably exceeded that of the preceding year. We are happy to inform the Board, that the general conduct of the Students has been distinguished during the past year for attention to study, regular attendance on Lectures, respect to their moral character and instructors, and, we trust in a good number of instances, for their regard to the higher duties of religion. We are encouraged to hope and believe, that if God shall favor us with the hearty co-operation of the ministry of our Church, and shall continue to smile upon our efforts, that the Institution will, from year to year, be presented to the Church and to this community, under circumstances of improved and constantly growing usefulness and celebrity. We conclude this report, with offering up our devout acknowledgments to Almighty God, for all his unmerited kindness toward us during the past year, and with committing ourselves, with all the interest of the Institution under our care, into his faithful hands.’

In conclusion, the Board of Superintendents would call the particular attention of General Synod to the several matters specified in the report of the Faculty, and especially would they, with great solicitude, present the subject of having secured to the institution regular and efficient instruction in chemistry and the kindred branches of science. These several matters are of vital importance to the interests of the College, and require to be acted on with that promptitude

which alone can ensure success in the great object which the Synod, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees, have in view, the prosperity and eminent usefulness of the Institution over which they mutually preside.

JOHN KNOX,	}	<i>Superintendents.</i>
ABRAHAM VAN NEST,		
C. L. HARDENBERGH,		
CHARLES SMITH,		
J. J. JANEWAY,		
JAMES B. HARDENBERGH,		

New Brunswick, June 3, 1830.

A request was presented from the Trustees of Rutgers College, by the Rev. Peter Labagh, appointed to lay the same before Synod, that they have permission to add the sum of \$250 per annum to the salary of the Professor of Languages in said institution.

Resolved, That the request be granted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, on the subject of procuring a house for the boarding of Students in commons, being called on, it appeared that nothing had been done by them.

Resolved, That Messrs. J. R. Hardenbergh, R. Anderson, and J. L. Snyder, be a Committee to examine a certain building in New Brunswick, now for sale, with a view to its purchase as a boarding house, to be kept in commons, for Rutgers College.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee appointed to inquire, if a suitable situation could be procured, for a boarding house to be kept in commons, Report—

That they have viewed the house and lot, situated west of the College, and lately occupied by John N. Simpson. The house is large, and the lot contains about one acre of ground, and, the Committee

are informed, can be purchased at a very low rate ; and the Committee believe, the interest of the Theological College will be very much promoted by the purchase of it : they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction of the General Synod, be and they are hereby recommended, to purchase, for the use of General Synod, the house and lot above described, situated in the city of New Brunswick, provided, it can be had for any sum not exceeding two thousand three hundred dollars, and provided they deem the purchase of said property a safe and good investment.

Resolved, That so much of the interest of the Van Benschoten fund, as may be necessary to pay the interest of the money expended in the purchase, be, and the same is hereby, pledged for the payment of the same, provided the Trustees of Rutgers College concur therein.

By order of the Committee.

J. R. HARDENBERGH, *Chairman*.

June 10, 1830.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Trustees of Rutgers College, if the above purchase be made, to take measures for carrying the plan into operation—the board not to exceed twelve shillings per week.

Resolved, That Messrs. James C. Roosevelt, William C. Miller, and Peter Spader, be a Committee (in case the purchase of a building for a boarding house in commons should be made) to procure donations in furniture for the use of the house, without expense to the General Synod.

Resolved, That the following Committees be appointed to solicit subscriptions in aid of the purchase of the building to be kept as a boarding house in commons for Students in Rutgers College, and that they be required to report the result of their doings, as soon as practicable, to the Treasurer of General Synod.

For the Classis of New York and South Classis, Messrs. John D. Keese and Isaac Young.

Classis of New Brunswick and Bergen, Rev. R. D. Van Kleeck and J. Romeyn.

Classis of Paramus, Rev. C. Z. Paulison and J. T. Field.

Classis of Long Island, Rev. T. M. Strong and A. Vanderveer.

Classis of Philadelphia, Rev. P. Labagh and G. Ludlow.

Classis of Poughkeepsie, Rev. C. Whitehead, William E. Rapalje and Lawrence Van Kleeck.

Classis of Albany and Rensselaer, Rev. Isaac Ferris, Isaac N. Wyckoff and Jeremiah Serle.

Classis of Ulster, Rev. B. B. Westfall and Robert Lee.

Classis of Washington, Rev. J. D. Fonda and Hugh Boyd.

Classis of Montgomery, Rev. I. S. Ketcham and Henry Loucks.

Classis of Schoharie, Rev. J. Garretson, J. H. Van Wagenen and Jacob Settle, Jun.

Classis of Schenectady, Rev. J. M'Kelvy and James Murphy.

Classis of Cayuga, Rev. Dr. Yates and Asa Bennet.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

The period for which the Board of Superintendents were elected having expired, the Synod proceeded to a new election: and, on counting the ballots, it appeared that the following persons were chosen to form the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, until the meeting of General Synod, which shall be in June, 1833, viz.

Rev. Messrs. Jacob Brodhead, D. D., William C. Brownlee, D. D., William M' Murray, D. D., James B. Hardenbergh, Jacob J. Janeway, D. D., Samuel A. Van Vranken, James V. C. Romeyn, Abraham Messler, John I. Chrystie, Christian Z. Paulison, Jacob Schoonmaker, Thomas M. Strong, Peter Labagh, Gabriel Ludlow, Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., Samuel Kissam, Isaac Ferris, William R. Bogardus, Henry Ostrander, Richard Sluyter, Cornelius Van Cleef, Herman B. Stryker, James

Stevenson, Jacob D. Fonda, Cornelius Bogardus, Jacob Van Vechten, John B. Steele, John H. Van Wagenen, Henry A. Raymond, Andrew Yates, D. D., and John F. Schermerhorn.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the Professorate report—

In the report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, the attention of General Synod is requested to the Memoir of Dr. Livingston, published by the late Dr. Gunn, in compliance with the appointment of Synod. The work was accomplished by Dr. Gunn, with great labor and fidelity, and, in the mysterious providence of God, he was removed by death soon after it was published, leaving all his accounts unsettled. The sale has progressed very tardily, producing much anxiety and distress to his bereaved family. Sufficient has only been realized from the sale, to liquidate the demands of the printer and binder, leaving several incidental expenses unpaid, and producing no remuneration for the labor of the deceased author. As the work was undertaken by the appointment of Synod, and has been satisfactorily and faithfully performed, justice, as well as sympathy for his afflicted family, require that something should be done in the premises. The Committee have agreed to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction of the Corporation be authorized to employ an agent or agents, to sell the Memoir of Dr. Livingston, in the various parts of our church, and to meet the present difficulties of the family of the deceased author, to advance \$600, to be replaced by the sale.

In the report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College, it is recommended to the Synod, to alter the time for the annual examination of the Students to the first Tuesday in April.

The Committee recommend, that the time of the examination of the Students be altered accordingly.

In the case of Elihu Doty, recommended by the Consistory of the

Church of Beaverdam, to be received on the Van Benschoten Fund, the Committee recommend, that he be received to the benefit of the said fund.

A communication from the Executive Committee of the Education Society of the Classis of Bergen, has also been presented, requesting that Jacob Ennis be taken on the Fund for the support of Indigent Students.

The Committee recommend, that the request be granted.

As the Committee have ascertained, that there is a considerable surplus from the Van Benschoten fund, available for the support, of indigent Students, and as there are no other recommendations of young men by Consistories, to be aided at present, it is therefore recommended, that three of those now assisted by the Education Board, be transferred to that fund.

The Committee farther recommend, that the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, be requested to present annually, at the stated meetings of General Synod, a statement of the number of Students aided from the Education Fund, and the amount of money from the said fund remaining unappropriated.

A resolution of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological School, having been laid before the Committee, recommending Mr. John Liddle to the Professors, for their certificate of his Theological attainments, and to the General Synod for a dispensation, it is recommended that his request for a dispensation be granted.

It is requested, by the Board of Direction, that Synod appoint a Committee, other than the Board, to adjust the unsettled accounts with their former agent, Rev. Staats Van Santvoord. The Committee recommend that such a Committee be appointed according to the request of the Board, and that Messrs. Abraham Van Vechten, John R. Bleecker, and Richard V. De Witt, constitute said Committee.

It is also stated in the report, that the money left by the legacy of the late Isaac Heyer, to endow a scholarship, is invested for that purpose. *Resolved*, That Mr. Cannon Van Liew, now a beneficiary of the Executive Committee of the Education Society, be transferred to that fund.

As the Committee have not sufficient information in the case of Mr. Gaylord, recommended by the Classis of Poughkeepsie, to be

put on the Van Benschoten Fund, it is recommended that the case be referred to the Executive Committee of the Education Society, to make the necessary inquisition in his case.

As it is desirable that there should be a uniformity in the amount allowed to beneficiaries, aided by all the funds appropriated for the education of young men for the ministry, the Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees, to set the amount appropriated annually to beneficiaries, on the fund at their disposal, at one hundred dollars, according to the proposition of the Executive Committee of the Education Board, to fix their allowance at the same amount. *Resolved*, That the consideration of this subject be referred to the next General Synod.

It appearing, that in some instances the Board of Trustees have required interest on the money refunded by the young men whom they have aided from the funds at their disposal, the Committee are of opinion, that no interest ought to be required of those who continue in our church; and that from those who settle in other churches, the interest required should not exceed five per cent.; and that it be required only from the time when they connect themselves to other churches.

In compliance with a request, communicated by the Faculty of the College, through the Board of Superintendents of that institution, to appoint a Committee of Repairs, it is recommended that Mr. Peter Spader be appointed to superintend such repairs as may be necessary to the College edifice.

The Committee are impressed with the great importance to the interest and prosperity of the College, that means should be raised to place the institution on the same footing with other neighboring institutions, as to the course of instruction; and, particularly, that a lecturer should be procured on chymistry, mineralogy, &c. The Committee would recommend that strenuous exertions should be used for the accomplishment of this object; and if the mode of raising money, hereafter suggested in this report, viz. in connexion with the collections for the Theological School, should not be deemed advisable, it is desired that General Synod may devise and adopt such other mode as they may consider best calculated to secure the end proposed.

It appears from the reports of the Boards of the Superintendents of the College and the Theological School, that these institutions are going on successfully. That the instructors, both in the theological and literary departments, are laboring faithfully in advancing their interests. Nothing is wanting, but an adequate support, to establish these institutions on a permanent foundation, and give them a character not surpassed by any in our land. As they are peculiarly our own, we ought to rally around them; for with their permanent establishment, we either stand or fall as a denomination.

The subject of deepest interest submitted by the report of the Board of Direction, is that which relates to funds necessary to the support of the Theological College. This has been a subject of deep solicitude for years past, and has occupied a large portion of the attention of the successive General Synods. It had been hoped, that when the plan to establish permanent funds, for the support of Professors in the institution, should be completed, our churches would be relieved from any farther burden in sustaining it; and the expectation held out, that this would be the case, when the obtaining subscriptions was in progress, has tended to increase the subsequent embarrassment. A strong effort was made to carry the plan into full operation; and much has been accomplished towards the permanent maintenance of that important institution by the endowment of funds. But the impulse has passed off; and the consummation so earnestly desired, and confidently expected, has not been fully realized. The subscriptions to the third professorship, were never fully completed; and it was to have been expected that much of the money subscribed would fail to be collected. This has been the case to a considerable amount. This failure is not difficult to be accounted for. The spirit excited by the first effort, naturally subsided. It became an old matter. The collection of the subscriptions was confided to the hands of committees, who had other concerns, requiring their attention; and they naturally postponed attention to a business, at all times unpleasant, in favor of engagements more pressing and immediately interesting. In the lapse of time, some subscribers have been removed by death; some have, by a change of circumstances, become unable, and others unwilling to pay.

The Board of Direction have been, during the last two or three years, directing their attention to the subject, and by the employment

of agents and other means, have been strenuously endeavoring to fill up the permanent fund, by collecting the old, and obtaining new subscriptions. In this nothing has been accomplished answerable to their hopes. From the necessity of applying all the moneys collected for defraying current expenses, little or nothing has been added to the amount invested. And, from their past experience, they seem now to be convinced, that the filling up of the permanent fund, is, for the present at least, out of the question. This object, therefore, however desirable in itself, must be relinquished, until a more favorable crisis shall arrive. The Board also seem to be convinced of the impropriety of continuing to pursue a system, which subjects them to the necessity of applying moneys, collected expressly for the Permanent Fund, to an object diverse from that for which they are obtained.

They therefore appear to direct the attention of Synod, on this occasion, chiefly to the adoption of some system, by which the deficiency arising from the failure to complete the Permanent Fund, may be annually supplied. This will now be necessary to be promptly done, as it is also stated, that the last grant of the Consistory of New York, of \$1500 for one year, expired in November last. To this end it will be necessary to secure an income in addition to that now arising from permanent sources, at least \$1500, to which, if we add what may be necessary to secure to the literary institution, instruction in chymistry, and the kindred sciences, (an object warmly urged by the Faculty and Board of Superintendents of the College,) \$2000 will be required. That our churches are either unable or unwilling to contribute this amount annually, would be an injurious insinuation. But to effect it, union and co-operation will be necessary. That past efforts have been unsuccessful, has been owing to the fact, that in no plan heretofore adopted, have all our churches been brought to co-operate; and that while frequent changes have been made in the mode of operation, none has been generally, much less universally, approved. Very few of our churches have therefore come up to this work. If all should be induced to contribute to a reasonable amount, the aggregate would be abundantly sufficient. It is to be regretted, that the various resolutions of General Synod on this subject, have been productive of so little benefit. This will continue to be the case, as long as individuals and churches shall persist

in adhering to their own views, and refuse to do any thing, because it is recommended to be done in a way which they do not approve.

The present exigencies of the Church require union of feeling and effort. If there is not united exertion, our institutions must necessarily be embarrassed, and must finally sink. Something must be done. In some plan the churches must harmonize, which shall be perseveringly pursued. It is hoped by the Committee, that whatever system of collecting funds may be adopted on this occasion, it may be duly matured, fully executed, and not relinquished until sufficiently tested ; and that it be pressed on the churches, and consistories, and ministers, to give every facility, and use every effort, to carry it into execution. Our denomination is too weak and too small to be divided ; but with union of purpose and exertion, it may arise in its strength, and accomplish all that is necessary to its establishment, and the complete success of our institutions.

Whereas Synod have adopted the plan of a general agent, therefore

Resolved, That the General Agent appointed by Synod, be charged with the business of raising the necessary funds for supporting the Theological College, and for the literary institution, as far as may be necessary to procure instructions in chymistry, &c.

The Committee, in compliance with the request of the Board of Direction, submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Board of Direction be authorised, if they shall deem it necessary, to appoint an agent or agents, to solicit subscriptions and collect funds.

Resolved, That so much of the above report, as relates to the raising of funds, be read from the pulpits by the respective pastors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM M. MURRAY, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

Whereas, the General Synod feel a deep interest in the beneficiaries supported by the funds of the church, and do cherish towards them a paternal regard,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Education of the Reformed Dutch Church, to depute one or more of their number to New Brunswick, to meet with said beneficiaries, at the commencement of every session of the Literary and Theological Institution, or at such other times as they may deem proper, to make such inquiries, and to afford such counsel and advice, as in their judgment may conduce to their highest and best interests.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to the churches under their care to observe the second Thursday in November next, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, on account of the prevailing profanation of the holy Sabbath in our land.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The eighth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, was presented to Synod, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The following communication was received from the Northern Board of Agency, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Board of Northern Agency to the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, to be convened in the city of New Brunswick, June 2d. 1830

The Board of Agency of the Particular Synod of Albany, respectfully represent to the General Synod, that, in pursuance of a resolution of General Synod, at a meeting held in the city of Albany, June, 1828, they received their appointment from the Board of Managers of the Reformed Dutch Church Missionary Society.

On the 9th September, 1828, the agency was organized, and the following resolutions designate the powers with which they were invested.

1. *Resolved*, That the said Board of Agency be intrusted with the inspection of the Missionary concerns of our church within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, except the Classis of Ulster.

2. *Resolved*, That the said Board of Agency be authorized to designate the field of labor in which missionary labor shall be employed to the whole amount of funds furnished by them ; and this Board will always receive respectfully, and carefully consider nominations to missionary appointments made by said Agency.

The embarrassment which they have experienced in acting under these resolutions, leads them respectfully to suggest to the General Synod, whether the interests of missions may not be promoted by enlarging the powers of the Board.

The Synod will perceive that their powers are merely recommendatory ; while, in the first resolution, they are declared to be " intrusted with the inspection of the missionary concerns of our church within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, except the Classis of Ulster," the second restricts them to the recommendation merely of missionaries, and of appropriations for their support.

They will say nothing of the incongruity which seems to them apparent in these resolutions, and the danger of collision which may arise out of them. They have found what they anticipated from the

beginning, serious inconvenience attending all their operations. The appointment of missionaries by this course of recommendation, is unnecessarily delayed, and the missionaries are dissatisfied. The ratification of appropriations, made by the Agency, is attended with uncertainty, if these appropriations are not rejected. One instance has already occurred—An appropriation made to an indigent church, has been rejected in the form in which it was presented, by the parent Board, without so far, as we are informed, a knowledge of the peculiar circumstances which induced it.

There is, besides, in these resolutions under which the agency act, no provision made to authorize the Board as such, to take charge of moneys which may be collected in the Synod of Albany. The pressing necessities of missionaries they have in no case any power to relieve; and even the incidental expenses of the Agency must be audited by the parent Board at New York, before they can be liquidated.

Any farther detail on this point they deem unnecessary, and submit the matter most cheerfully to the wisdom of the Synod. If these suggestions should be deemed worthy of notice, and induce the Synod to act upon them, they cannot but believe that this enlargement of their powers will greatly facilitate their operations. Or if the Synod should devise any other and different organization of our missionary concerns more conducive to their prosperity, this Board will heartily acquiesce, for their only desire is to subserve the church in the most efficient plan of operations which can be adopted.

Another subject which this Board of Agency desire to bring before the General Synod, relates to the appointment of a General Agent.

They have been officially informed, that the Board at New York have, by a resolution, discontinued the services of the General Agent.

They are the more surprised at this result, when they recur to the decided expression in favor of such a measure, contained in their last annual report—A measure which received the unqualified approbation of the General Synod, at their last meeting, as appears from the recommendation upon their minutes, “to the ministers, consistory, and members of our church, to receive cordially the General Agent appointed by the Board of Managers, and to afford him every

encouragement and facility in carrying into effect the important object of his agency."

After such an expression of the approbation of the General Synod to the appointment of a General Agent, this Board never could have anticipated that the utility of such an appointment would have been called in question. If the opinion of this Board of Agency can have any additional weight, they do not hesitate to declare, what they have long since expressed in their minutes, that the employment of a General Agent is indispensable to the efficient operation of missions in the Particular Synod of Albany.

If the resolution has been adopted on account of any dissatisfaction with the proceedings of the General Agent and his plan of operations, it will be difficult for this Board to assign the reason why the Particular Synods of New York and Albany have, at their late meetings, expressed their decided approbation of both. This Board, after hearing a report from the General Agent, have concurred in opinion with these Synods; and if they are not misinformed, his plan of operations has been approved by every Classis to which it has been presented, and even by the Missionary Board itself.

If it has not realized immediately as great an amount of moneys as the parent Board anticipated, it is believed, notwithstanding, that the plan is better calculated than any heretofore adopted, when brought into general operation, to secure a much greater amount of funds, and will have this great advantage over the usual mode of collections in the churches,—that it will be more permanent, and, as we believe, more certain in its results.

With these remarks the Board, with perfect confidence, leave this subject, as well as the other embraced in this communication, to the wisdom of the General Synod, with their fervent prayers, that they may be guided to such a determination in the premises, as shall best subserve the glory of our common Lord and the good of souls.

Resolved, unanimously, That the foregoing communication be made to the General Synod, to be convened in the city of New Brunswick, June 2d, 1830, by the Secretary of the Board.

A true copy from the original Minutes.

JOHN LUDLOW,

Secretary of the Board of Northern Agency.

Albany, May 24, 1830.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of this Synod, be directed to obtain and lay on the table of Synod as soon as practicable the Book of Minutes of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Dutch Church.

The Rev. Henry Ostrander preached the annual Missionary Sermon before Synod (from Acts ii. 47,) in the Dutch Church in this city, in the evening of the first Sabbath after the meeting of Synod.

The Rev. Eli Baldwin was appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon at the next stated meeting of Synod, and the Rev. Isaac Ferris was appointed his *secundus*.

The Committee on Missions reported; and their report having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Missions present the following statement derived from a careful examination of the documents referred to them.

The facts contained in the Annual Report of the Missionary Society, including the report of the General Agent, are calculated to gratify and encourage the hearts of all those who are interested in the prosperity and enlargement of our church. * Feeble congregations are strengthened, the disheartened are encouraged, the distracted are harmonized, the dispersed are gathered, new fields of missionary labor are discovered, explored, and occupied, and our church is extending itself northward, and westward, and southward. If we examine the state of things existing only a few years since, and compare it with that now manifested, we cannot fail to perceive such an improvement as clearly evinces that the Great Head of the Church has smiled upon the efforts of his servants to extend his cause and kingdom.

Yet that which has been effected, is trifling when compared with that which remains to be done. In this interesting, benevolent, glo-

rious warfare, there can be no failure, neither can there be any release, while there remains the smallest portion of ground in the possession of the God of this world, the untiring destroyer of immortal souls. Let us, as a church, endeavour to vie with other sections of the kingdom of Christ, in our devotedness to Him who shall have "the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession."

Your Committee are satisfied, by a contemplation of facts, that a missionary spirit is becoming more and more prevalent among us, in consequence of the diffusion of information relative to this matter among our people. There is no deficiency of means, and there seems to be nothing necessary but increased energy, system, concert, and perseverance, in calling forth and applying the resources we possess, and, by the grace of God, the good work cannot but advance.

Your Committee concur, with the Missionary Board, in their opinion, expressed in the conclusion of their report, respecting the advantages to be derived from the publication of a weekly religious newspaper. We believe that such a paper, conducted by a man of popular talents, energy, and discretion, possessing the confidence of the churches, endowed with extended views, and, at the same time, heartily attached to "the form of sound words once delivered to the saints," would be highly useful, and obtain general support. It might be made the vehicle for communicating most valuable information throughout our bounds, and of creating an impulse which might have the happiest effect upon our affairs.

Your Committee have carefully considered the communication of the Northern Board of Agency, requesting an enlargement of their powers, or some other change in the mode of conducting the missionary operations in our church. We feel that this matter is an important one, and that it ought to be managed with the utmost circumspection and delicacy. We are satisfied that there is but one feeling of strong attachment, on the part of all the members of our church, towards her interests, although they may differ respecting the most efficient mode of promoting these interests. Differences of opinion, will, of course, give rise to debates in relation to these matters, which ought undoubtedly to be conducted with candor, tenderness, and impartiality, befitting those who have "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." Every one ought freely to countenance that mode, which

appears to be best adapted to secure that individual end, which all have equally in view, by whomsoever proposed or advocated.

Your Committee are free to declare, that the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church has been of essential service to the church. Their annual reports are sufficient confirmation of this. The difficulty appears to be, that this society is not so entirely under the control of General Synod as could be wished. We find that collision between it and ecclesiastical bodies has occurred, which, under its present organization, cannot easily be prevented. Why should not the missionary operations of our church be under the control of General Synod, and the persons conducting them accountable to the Synod for all their proceedings? If it be objected that such a body as is contemplated, has formerly existed in our church, and was characterized by comparative inertness and inefficiency, it may be asserted that the spirit of the age, and the appointment of a General Agent, possessed of the requisite qualifications, and conducting an energetic and systematic plan of operations, may perhaps have the effect to produce different results. We believe that such a system would be distinguished for simplicity, unity, harmony, power, and effect; a piece of moral machinery, which having all its parts properly arranged, in connexion with each other, without any interference of the one with the other, would move forward with a momentum which nothing could resist.

From the communication of the Northern Board of Agency, we learn the discontinuance of the General Agent by the Missionary Board. That the appointment and continuance of a General Agent is absolutely necessary to the success of our missionary operations, cannot for a moment be questioned, while so many facts are at hand to substantiate it. Pastors of churches, if they are faithful and conscientious, have an abundance of employ at home, without seeking it abroad. There must be a division of labor, and a concentration of effort, before the limited powers of man can operate to much advantage. There must be some individual whose business it is to attend to this one thing. Success has always attended such an arrangement, where a proper choice has been made; the reverse has always been the case when it has been neglected.

Your Committee are not apprised of the reasons which led to the dismissal of the late General Agent, and therefore express no opi-

nion respecting the act; but take the liberty to question, whether a more suitable agent could be found, than the one whose report is embodied in the report of the Missionary Board. He has proved himself a fast friend of the church, active, laborious, indefatigable, and, we may add, successful, if you consider the space of time occupied by his work, and its remote and indirect, as well as its direct and immediate consequences. We intend no eulogy; we merely state facts: credit to whom credit is due.

The resolution of the Classis of Long Island, and the memorial of the Consistory of the Church at New Utrecht,* relating to what is considered by them an improper and injurious interference of the Board of the Missionary Society, has called for the attention of your Committee. Without entering at all into the merits of the case, or impugning the motives of any persons concerned in this transaction, we would merely express our regret at the occurrence; and we would say, that every ecclesiastical body ought to have its peculiar and distinct sphere of operation, and that no missionary board anywhere, of any description, can have a right to interfere with the classical or consistorial jurisdiction.

In connexion with the sentiments expressed above, and as derived from them, your Committee would suggest the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Missionary Board be printed by them, and circulated through the churches.

2. *Resolved*, That the following persons, S. Van Rensselaer, Rev. J. Knox, D. D., Rev. J. Brodhead, D. D., Rev. W. C. Brownlee, D. D., Rev. W. M. Murray, D. D., Richard Duryee, Abraham Van Nest, Rev. T. De Witt, D. D., Lawrence V. De Foreest, Rev. I. Van Hook, Theophilus Anthony, Rev. E. Baldwin, Rev. N. I. Marselus, Rev. G. Dubois, Rev. J. B. Hardenbergh, Cornelius Heyer, J. Bogart, Jun., J. W. Hinton, W. Mandeville, J. Forrester, W. Poe, S. Delamater, Elbert A. Brinckerhoff, T. G. Talmage, J. I. Labagh, J. Adriance, W. Swan, W. G. Jones, G. Wilson, J. Limberger, L. W. Kip, E. Warner, J. V. Varick, I. Young, W. Keily, T. A. Waldron, Valentine Vandewater, John Nexsen, I. V. H. Lawrence, B. L. Kip, and Samuel Ward, comprising the Board of Managers, of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, be continued as the

Committee of Missions of the General Synod, for the present year in the Particular Synod of New-York ; and that at the next ordinary session of the General Synod, the number constituting the said Committee of Missions, shall be reduced to fifteen, to be then and thereafter elected annually by the General Synod.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Synod recommend to the Missionary Society, to alter its present constitution in conformity to the above resolution.

4. *Resolved*, That a second Board of Missions, with like powers, be forthwith constituted by the General Synod in the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, except the Classis of Ulster, which shall be attached to the first named Board of Missions, to consist of fifteen, to be annually appointed by the General Synod, and that the following persons constitute the said Board for the present year, viz. :—Rev. J. Ferris, J. Ludlow, D. D., R. Bronk, I. N. Wyckoff, J. H. Van Wagenen, John M. Kelvey, and Messrs. S. Van Rensselaer, S. Van Rensselaer, Jr., John R. Bleecker, J. I. Ostrander, R. V. De Witt, W. C. Miller, Gerrit Gates, A. J. Lansing, and George Young.

5. *Resolved*, That the Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn be and is hereby appointed the General Agent of the Church, at a salary of \$1300 per annum, including necessary travelling expenses, &c. to prosecute the plan for raising funds in behalf of the Missionary Society, the Education Society, and the Theological School, which has received the approbation of the Particular Synods of New-York and Albany, and which this Synod cordially recommends to the churches under their care.

6. *Resolved*, That the respective Boards of Missions raise the salary, by obtaining private subscriptions, independent of the funds for the foregoing benevolent objects, to be apportioned, one third to the Board of Missions of the Particular Synod of Albany, and two thirds to that of the Particular Synod of New York.

7. *Resolved*, That it be optional with the churches under the care of this Synod, to transmit their funds to either of the respective Treasurers of these Boards, as they may deem proper or may be convenient.

8. *Resolved*, That this Synod cannot approve of any interference of their Missionary Boards with their ecclesiastical judicatories, and

that the respective Boards of Missions be enjoined to refrain from any such interference.

GABRIEL LUDLOW, *Chairman.*

The ayes and nays on the 5th resolution of the above report (exclusive of the amount of salary) being demanded, were taken, and are as follows :—

Ayes.—M^cMurray, Mathews, Brinkerhoff, Keese, Romeyn, Cornell, Boice, Zabriskie, Rouse, Freeke, G. Ludlow, Halsey, Van Liew, J. Wyckoff, Kershow, Whitehead, Searle, Ferris, J. Ludlow, Lansing, I. N. Wyckoff, Morris, Sickles, Heermance, Van Beuren, Ostrander, Westfall, Alliger, Fonda, Labagh, Stevenson, Chittenden, Glen, Garretson, Van Wagenen, Borst, Settle, M^cKelvey, Slingerland, Van Santvoord, Vischer, Van Doren, Paulison, Eltinge—45.

Noes.—Baldwin, Van Pelt, Van Nest, Mildeberger, Warner, J. B. Hardenbergh, Belcher, J. R. Hardenbergh, Abeel, Traphagen, Schoonmaker, Otterson, Anderson, Voorhees. Horton, Schuneman, Snyder, Ketcham, Raymond, Hager, Brodhead.—21.

The ayes and nays on that part of the 5th resolution that relates to the salary of the General Agent being demanded, they were taken, and are as follows :—

Ayes.—Brodhead, M^cMurray, Mathews, Brinkerhoff, Keese, Boice, Zabriskie, Rouse, Freeke, G. Ludlow, Halsey, Van Liew, Kershow, Whitehead, Searle, Ferris, J. Ludlow, Lansing, I. N. Wyckoff, Morris, Fonda, Stevenson, Chittenden, Glen, Garretson, Van Wagenen, Borst, Settle, M^cKelvey, Slingerland, Van Santvoord, Van Doren, Vischer, Labagh.—34

Noes.—Baldwin, Van Pelt, Van Nest, Mildeberger, J. B. Hardenbergh, Belcher, J. R. Hardenbergh, Abeel, Traphagen, Schoonmaker, Otterson, Anderson, Voorhees, Horton, Sickles, Schuneman, Van Beuren. Ostrander, Westfall, Snyder, Alliger, Ketcham, Raymond, Hager.—24.

Whereas, an impression has gone abroad, that individuals in the congregation of New Utrecht are under trial before Synod, in consequence of representations made to Synod by the Consistory of that

Church; and whereas, such an impression is calculated to operate injuriously, and to alienate the affections of those individuals from the church, therefore,

Resolved, That there is no foundation for such an impression, nor any ground for their dissatisfaction with the Consistory of New Utrecht.

Whereas, in the minute made by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, in the matter of a representation from individuals in the congregation of New Utrecht, there are expressions involving the standing of the Pastor with his people, which this Synod highly disapprove—therefore,

Resolved, That it be and is hereby recommended to the said Board, to erase from their minutes, all those expressions in which such mention is made of the Pastor of said church.

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Widows' Fund be discharged.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

The communication, containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten, was read.

Resolved, That Rev. J. Brodhead, D. D., J. H. Van Wagenen, J. M. Mathews, D. D., and the Elders A. Vanderveer* and J. D. Keese, be a Committee to report to Synod on the expediency of adopting such an additional number of Hymns, as the wants of our church may require,

* The Elder Peter D. Vroom, Jun. was substituted in the place of A. Vanderveer, after the latter had obtained leave of absence.

and which, when approved of by Synod, shall be printed in new editions, as a second Book of Hymns in our standard work.

Resolved, That the same Committee report on the expediency of publishing the Canons of the Church in the same volume.

The Committee reported, and their report was amended, adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee appointed on the expediency of adding Hymns, report,

That this Committee consider it expedient that additional Hymns should be added to the number contained in our Book ; and, accordingly unanimously recommend to General Synod the adoption of the following *Resolution* :

That the Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., William M. Murray, D. D., Isaac Ferris, and the Elders Peter D. Vroom, and John D. Keese, be a Committee to select from different collections now published, Hymns on a variety of subjects, to the amount of say one hundred, to constitute the Second Book of Hymns, to be added to those now in use, in all future editions of our Psalm and Hymn Book, and that said Committee report such selection to the next General Synod for their approbation.

Resolved, That the Committee above appointed, be authorised to make a more correct and copious index to the new edition of the Psalms and Hymns of our church, including such alterations in the titles as they may deem necessary.

The Committee further report, that, in their opinion, the Canons of the Synod of Dordrecht should be added to the Liturgy contained in our Psalm Book.

J. BRODHEAD, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Committee on Psalmody communicate to the several Classes under the inspection of this General Synod, on or before the 1st of April next, a list of the Hymns, their authors, the collections in which they are found, together with their number in said collection.

Resolved, That the sum of \$50 be allowed to the Stated Clerk, as a salary for services rendered by him, including all expenses of transcribing and necessary travelling, to which he may be subject.

ARTICLE XXI.

Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

A communication was received from the Rev. J. J. Janeway, D. D., and Mr. Richard Duryee, Jun. a deputation of the American Sunday School Union, on the subject of the resolution adopted at their last annual meeting, to establish, in reliance on divine aid, a Sunday School in every district of the valley of the Mississippi, within the space of two years; which was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. J. Brodhead, D. D., J. Ludlow, D. D., and J. H. Van Wagenen.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from the American Sunday School Union, presented by the Rev. Dr. Janeway and Richard Duryee, Jun., a deputation of said Sunday School Union, *Report*—That said communication contains information of a resolution adopted by the society at their late anniversary, “to establish Sunday Schools throughout that vast extent of country known as the valley of the Mississippi.” The Committee are persuaded that this General Synod are fully sensible of the incomparable importance of Sunday Schools to the growing interest of that section of our common country; they therefore recommend for adoption the following resolution :

Resolved, That Synod rejoice in the measure that has been adopted by the American Sunday School Union, as well calculated to advance the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, and to promote the temporal and spiritual interest of the inhabitants of that vast and important valley of the Mississippi; and that Synod hereby recommend the said object to the charities and benevolent efforts of the churches and people under their care.

J. BRODHEAD, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXII.

Pastoral Letter.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Synodical Archives.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Accounts.

A bill from the Stated Clerk, amounting to \$13 10, for expenses incurred by him in the business of Synod, was presented, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Door-keeper's bills, amounting to \$12 42½, were presented, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Accounts respectfully report—

That the account of the Stated Clerk, amounting to \$13 10, has been examined, together with the accompanying vouchers, and approved, and it is recommended that the Treasurer be ordered to pay the same.

The Door-keeper's bills, amounting in whole to \$12 42½, are recommended to be paid.

In relation to the Doorkeeper's bill, it is recommended that a stated *per diem* allowance, of \$1 25, be fixed by resolution, and uniformly allowed in all Sessions of the Synod.

JAMES ROMEYN, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 750 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated ; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of Albany, on the first Wednesday in June, 1831, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

WILHELMUS ELTINGE, *President*.

HENRY OSTRANDER, *Adseessor*,

ISAAC P. LABAGH, } *Clerks*,

ISAAC FERRIS, } *pro tem.*

Official copy, from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk*.





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Of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in North America, convened in the city of Albany, on Wednesday, the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one. The Session continued from the first to the tenth day of June inclusive.

FORMATION OF SYNOD.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod was opened with prayer by the Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, the President of the last General Synod; who preached a sermon in the evening of the first day of the Session, from Genesis xlv. 24. “*See that ye fall not out by the way.*”

ARTICLE II.

Members Present.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

1. From the Classis of New York.

Rev. Peter I. Van Pelt.

Elders, Peter Sharpe, Abraham Van Nest, and John Mildeberger.

2. From the South Classis of New York.

Rev. John E. Miller, William M^cMurray, D. D.,* Charles Knouse.†

Elders. * * *

* Obtained leave of absence on the *fourth* day of the Session.

† Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the Session.

3. *From the Classis of New Brunswick.*

Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken,* John L. Zabriskie.
Elder, Peter D. Vroom, Jun.

4. *From the Classis of Bergen.*

Rev. Philip Duryea, Benjamin C. Taylor, and Ira C. Boice.
Elder, John Vreeland.

5. *From the Classis of Paramus.*

Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, John I. Christie,† and Jefferson Wynkoop.
Elders, * * *

6. *From the Classis of Long Island.*

Rev. John Beattie,‡ Thomas M. Strong, and William Crookshank.
Elders, Michael Schoonmaker, Garrit P. Wyckoff.

7. *From the Classis of Philadelphia.*

Rev. Abraham H. Dumont, Peter Labagh, and Samuel A.
Bumstead.§
Elders, Samuel Kuen, and Christopher Van Arsdalen.§

8. *From the Classis of Poughkeepsie.*

Rev. James B. Hardenburgh, Maurice W. Dwight,|| and Cornelius
C. Cuyler, D. D.
Elders, John Drurye, Teunis Van Bunschoten, and John V. B.
Varick.

* Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the *first* day of the Session.

† Obtained leave of absence on the *ninth* day of the Session.

‡ Took his seat on the *sixth* day of the Session.

§ Took their seats on the *second* day of the Session.

|| Obtained leave of absence on the *seventh* day of the Session.

FROM THE PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

1. *From the Classis of Albany.*

Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., Robert Bronk, and Samuel Kissam.
Elders, Abraham Van Vechten, L. L. D., Samuel Phelps, and
David Burhans.*

2. *From the Classis of Rensselaer.*

Rev. John Liddle, Stephen Ostrander, and Staats Van Santvoord.†
Elders, Wilhelmus Schuneman, John Hallenbake,‡ and Michael
Smith.

3. *From the Classis of Ulster.*

Rev. Samuel Van Vechten, James B. Ten Eyck, and John
Gosman.
Elders, Philip Newkirk, Cornelius Brink.

4. *From the Classis of Washington.*

Rev. Jacob D. Fonda,§ H. M. Boyd, and Cornelius Bogardus.
Elders, Simon Stephens,§ William Knackerbacker,¶ and Jonas
Olmstead.||

5. *From the Classis of Montgomery.*

Rev. Douw Van Olinda, Ransford Wells, and Herman B.
Stryker.†
Elders, Henry Loucks, Cornelius Van Olinda.†

* Took his seat on the *second* day of the Session.

† Took their seats on the *third* day of the Session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence after the *sixth* day of the Session.

§ Obtained leave of absence after the *third* day of the Session.

|| Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the Session.

¶ Obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the *first* day of the Session.

6. *From the Classis of Schoharie.*

Rev. Winslow Paige,* H. B. Stimpson,† and Paul Weidman.
Elders, John Rechtmeyer,‡ John Ingold.‡

7. *From the Classis of Schenectady.*

Rev. James Murphy, Elbert Slingerland,§ and Jacob Van Vechten.
Elders, Rodolph Van Housen, Andrew Yates, Cornelius S. Condry.||

8. *From the Classis of Cayuga.*

Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, George W. Bethune, and Alexander Mann.¶
Elders, William Van Doren, Abraham Varick.

ARTICLE III.

Moderators.

The Rev. John Gosman was chosen President.

The Rev. Samuel A. Van Vranken was chosen Adessor.

The Rev. Messrs. Abraham H. Dumont and Benjamin C. Taylor, were chosen Clerks, *pro tem*.

The Rev. S. A. Van Vranken having obtained leave of absence on the afternoon of the first day of the session, Synod proceeded to the election of an Adessor in his place, when the Rev. Philip Duryea was chosen.

ARTICLE IV.

Reading of the Minutes.

The Minutes of the last Annual Session of Synod were read.

* Succeeded on the *sixth* day of the Session by the Rev. John H. Van Wagenen, the *secundus*.

† Obtained leave of absence after the *eighth* day of the Session.

‡ Obtained leave of absence after the *sixth* day of the Session,

§ Succeeded on the second day of the Session by the Rev. John B. Steele, the *primarius*.

|| Took his seat on the *seventh* day of the Session.

¶ Took his seat on the second day of the Session.

ACTS OF SYNOD.**ARTICLE I.***Orders and Rules.*

These were read.

Resolved, That the following be added to the Standing Rules of this Synod :—

“ All the sittings of the General Synod shall be concluded by regular adjournment and prayer.”

ARTICLE II.*Standing Committees.*

The following Committees were appointed :

On the Professorate.—Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., Peter Labagli, and Philip Duryea, and the Elders Abraham Van Vechten and Peter Sharpe.

On Synodical Minutes.—Rev. Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., Samuel Kissam, and William Crookshank, and the Elders Abraham Van Nest and John Drurye.

On Missions.—Rev. Thomas M. Strong, Samuel Van Vechten, and John I. Chrystie, and the Elders Peter D. Vroom, Jun. and Michael Schoonmaker.

On the State of Religion.—Rev. Robert Bronk, Maurice W. Dwight, and James B. Ten Eyck, and the Elders John V. B. Varick and Samuel Kuen.

On Overtures.—Rev. Peter I. Van Pelt, Benjamin C. Taylor, and the Elders John Vreeland and Wilhelmus Schuneman.

On Accounts.—Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, Ira C. Boice, and John Liddle, and the Elders Samuel Phelps and John Hallenback.

On Correspondence.—Rev. Wilhelmus Eltinge, Jacob D. Fonda, and John L. Zabriskie, and the Elders Garrit P. Wyckoff and Teunis Van Bunschoten.

ARTICLE III.

Communications.

The following Report was received from the Committee to make a Selection of Hymns, to be added to the present standard Psalm and Hymn Book of the Church.

The Committee appointed at the last Session of the General Synod, "To select from different Collections now published, Hymns on a variety of subjects, to the amount of, say, one hundred," &c., respectfully report—

That they forward herewith to the Synod a list in alphabetical arrangement, with reference to their authors and the collections in which they may be found, of the hymns which they have agreed to recommend for adoption. This list, as a printed circular, was forwarded to the ministers of our churches in March last. The committee have sought in their selection, to have respect to a diversity of subjects in connexion with the wants of our present collection, as well as the intrinsic merits of the hymns. The number to be selected was left by the resolution of Synod somewhat indefinite. On conversation with some brethren, the committee found a general opinion, that the additional hymns should be extended to at least one hundred and fifty. The subject of preparing a new index to the old collection was committed, at an early period, to the Rev. Mr. Ferris. His ill health, and his journeying and residence at the south, have prevented the attention he would otherwise have paid. The committee afterward deemed it best to defer this matter until after the meeting of General Synod, as a complete index cannot be formed before the decision is made on the additional hymns. The alphabetical arrangement of the psalms and hymns, combined according to their subjects, (as adopted in Winchell and Rippon's Watts,) would present some convenience and advantage; in such case there would of course be a reference at the heading of each psalm and hymn, referring to its place in the former collection, as also a tabular index prefixed, which would remove all difficulties in the use of the former books. It is left to the discretion of Synod whether this plan should be

adopted, or the present arrangement should be preferred, which would then consist of the Psalms and two books of Hymns. It is also suggested to the Synod, whether it would be expedient to publish the additional Hymns, if adopted, in a small supplementary volume, in order to accommodate those of our people who may be unable or unwilling to lay aside their old books used in worship.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS DEWITT, *Chairman.*

Whereupon the following resolutions were adopted by the Synod :—

Resolved, 1. That the additional hymns reported by the Committee appointed by General Synod in 1830, be accepted, ordered to be published as a second Book of Hymns, and authorized to be used by the Churches, in the same manner as the Psalms and Hymns now in use.

Resolved, 2. That all future editions of the Psalm Book shall contain the additional hymns, together with the canons of the Church, so soon as the Board of Direction of the Corporation shall be able to make the necessary arrangements with the publisher.

Resolved, 3. That a separate edition of the additional hymns be published.

Resolved, 4. That the Board of Direction of the Corporation be directed to take out separate copy-rights for each of the books, and authorize their publication ; and that they superintend the publication of the first edition of each book.

Resolved, 5. That the Committee on Psalmody be continued, and that they be requested to complete the work to which they were assigned at the last session of the General Synod.

The following report was received from the Committee appointed to confer with the Consistory of the Church of Bushwick, and the Classis of Long Island, and endeavour to make an amicable adjustment of the existing difficulties between them :—

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in Session at Albany, June 1, 1831.

The undersigned, as chairman of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of General Synod, “to confer with the Classis of Long Island, and the Consistory of the Church at Bushwick, with a view to make an amicable adjustment of the existing difficulties,” begs leave to state,

That, shortly after the close of the session of Synod, he, in company with a member of the committee residing in the city of New York, visited several members of the Consistory of the Church at Bushwick, and that he also conferred with some of the members of the Classis of Long Island, with a view to make arrangements for a meeting of the Committee, in pursuance of the object of their appointment.

But that, before the arrangements for the meeting of the Committee could be effected, the undersigned was informed that a meeting of the Classis of Long Island had been held, at the call of the Consistory of the Church of Bushwick, at which meeting the utmost good feeling and harmony prevailed—and concluding that the object contemplated by Synod in the appointment of the Committee of reconciliation was already effected without their interference, he deemed it altogether unnecessary to convene them. And although the Consistory have since renewed their application to the Particular Synod of New York, to be transferred to the South Classis of New York—which application at the recent meeting of the Synod has been granted—yet in the mean time, as far as known to the undersigned, the Consistory have maintained entire subordination to the authority of the Classis.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. McMURRAY.

New York, May 24, 1831.

The following Report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary, was received and referred to the Committee on the Professorate :

To the General Synod, the Board of Superintendents of the Theological College beg leave respectfully to present the following Report :

Agreeably to the direction of the General Synod, the Board met in the College Hall in the city of New Brunswick, N. J. on the 5th April, 1831.

The Board was constituted by the election of the following officers :

Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D. President.

William McMurray, D. D. Stated Clerk.

Abraham Mesler, Secretary.

The Reports of the Professors fully satisfied the Board as to the exemplary conduct and the diligence of the students in the prosecution of their high and important studies.

The following is a list of the names of the Theological Students in the three classes given by the Professors:—

Senior Class.—John H. Bevier, David Cushing, Oscar H. Gregory, John Manly, and Cornelius C. Van Arsdalen.

Middle Class.—John C. Baldwin, John V. Robbins, Robert O. Currie, Garret I. Garretson, Leonard Rogers, Garret I. Schenck, Richard L. Schoonmaker, Benjamin Swartz, John C. Van Lieu, and Alexander H. Warner.

Junior Class.—Benjamin Basler, William Brush, Matthias Lusk, Richard C. Ludlow, Enoch Van Aken, and Jacob Van Arsdalen.

Robert O. Currie, of the Senior Class, in consequence of his appointment to the office of Rector of the Grammar-school of Rutgers College, and his acceptance of the same, has been dismissed at his own request, to take charge of said school, and Cornelius C. Van Arsdalen, of the same class, has also been at his own request dismissed from the Seminary.

“It has pleased God, in the course of his adorable providence, to lay his afflicting hand during the past year, on some of the most hopeful young men. John V. Robbins and Benjamin Swartz, of the Middle Class, and Richard C. Ludlow, of the Junior Class, have been obliged, by severe bodily indisposition, to suspend their studies, and to retire from New Brunswick. The latest account received of the health of the two former, is extremely unfavorable. That on Mr. Ludlow's case is more flattering, yet connected with doubts, whether from the nature of his complaint, he will ever be able to resume his Theological studies.” (*Professor Milledoler's Report.*)

The members of the Senior Class were examined on the whole course of studies of the Theological College.

The Middle and Junior Classes were examined as to their attainments in those branches in which they had been instructed during the past year.

The members of the Senior Class were separately interrogated on the subject of their personal experience in religion, and also as to their motives for desiring to enter the sacred ministry.

The whole examination was conducted with care and fidelity, and the Board come before the Synod with the cheerful expression of their increasing confidence in the excellency, as well as soundness of the course of instruction that has been so wisely established, and so successfully illustrated in our Theological Seminary.

After due deliberation, the following persons, members of the Senior Class, were judged to be entitled to the Professoral certificate, *to wit* :—John H. Bevier, David Cushing, Oscar H. Gregory, and John Manley.

The Board, deeply impressed with the connexion between the efficient support of our Theological and Literary Institutions, and the prosperity of the Reformed Dutch Church, have earnestly recommended to the Professors of our Theological School, to devote their vacations to visiting the Churches, with the view of producing an increased excitement in favor of our institutions at New Brunswick, and of the great interests of our Church generally.

Of the parental regard which the General Synod will ever extend over our school of the prophets, the Board entertain and cherish the most sanguine expectations. Of the continued support of the great Head of the Church, they cannot but be assured by what he has already done. He cannot thus far have brought us, have caused us thus strongly to rest on him, to abandon us at last. They therefore call upon the Synod and upon themselves to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in this work of the Lord.

New Brunswick, April 6th, 1831.

J. BRODHEAD, *President.*

WM. McMURRAY, *Stated Clerk.*

A communication was received from the executor of the last will and testament of the Rev. Alexander Gunn, D. D. and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A report was received from the Committee to adjust the unsettled accounts of the Rev. Staats Van Santvoord, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

A letter was received from the Rev. James V. C. Romeyn, tendering the resignation of his seat as a member of the Board of Superintendents—Whereupon, it was *Resolved*, that his resignation be accepted.

A memorial signed by sundry individuals on the subject of certain doctrines, customs, and usages of the Church was received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

A communication was received from the candidate, Mr. James E. Quaw, relative to his missionary labors and compensation—and referred to the Rev. William Crookshank and John Beattie, and the Elder, Peter Sharpe. (See Article XVIII.)

A communication was received from the Classis of Ulster, recommending M. Youngblood, as a suitable person to receive aid from the Van Benschoten fund, which was referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

ARTICLE IV.

Board of Corporation.

The following Report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, accompanied with the Treasurer's Report and the Annual Digest, was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, the Board of Direction respectfully submit their annual Report, as follows:—

On reviewing the Minutes of General Synod at their last Session, the Board found the following articles submitted to them for their consideration, viz.—

1. A recommendation to purchase for the use of General Synod, a house and lot of ground in New Brunswick, lately occupied by John N. Simpson, *provided it could be had for any sum not exceeding two thousand three hundred dollars, and provided they deemed the purchase of said property a safe and good investment.*—See Minutes, page 284.

2. An authority to the Board of Direction, to employ an agent or agents, to sell the Memoir of Dr. Livingston in the various parts of the Church; and, to meet the difficulties of the family of the deceased author, *to advance six hundred dollars, to be replaced by the sale.*—See page 286.

3. An authority to the Board of Direction to appoint an agent or agents to solicit subscriptions and collect funds, if they should deem it necessary.—See page 291.

All of which have been duly attended to by the Board, and on which they respectfully report. in their order, viz.—

1. In relation to the purchase of the house and lot in New Brunswick, for the use of General Synod ; the Board could have purchased the same at a price a little less than that limited by the Synod, but a difficulty arose from want of funds to make the purchase. Neither of the thirteen committees of the several Classes, appointed by Synod to solicit subscriptions in aid of the purchase of the building, have, as this Board believe, taken any measures to collect the moneys required, at least they have made no report to this Board, and the Board are informed that the premises have since been sold.

2. In relation to the Memoirs of Dr. Livingston, the Board of Direction find in the Minutes of General Synod of June, 1829, page 154, the Report of a Committee on that subject ; from which it appears that the late Dr. Gunn was requested to publish an edition of fifteen hundred copies of the Memoir, and that the Committee awarded to him as a compensation for his labor in preparing and publishing the work, seventy-five per cent. of the profits arising from the publication ; that Dr. Gunn communicated to said Committee his entire satisfaction with the compensation awarded him ; and moreover proposed, that if it should please the Synod to appropriate their part of the profits to increase the library of the Theological Institution, he would consider it his duty to pay over to any person authorized to receive it, *one third*, instead of *one fourth* of the profits of the work, whatever might be the amount of them, for that important object—to which General Synod acceded, and resolved that the said Committee, in connexion with the Theological Professors, be authorized to apply such portion of profits as might be at their disposal, to the increase of the Theological Library.—See pages 153 to 155.

The Board of Direction, previous to the last meeting of General Synod, having understood that the expenses of printing and publishing said memoir were not *all paid*, which produced embarrassment to the widow and family of the author, recommended to Synod to take the matter into their consideration, and adopt such measures as their wisdom should dictate—whereupon Synod authorized the Board, as above mentioned, to employ an agent or agents to sell said Memoir, and to advance six hundred dollars to meet the difficulties of the family

of the deceased author, *to be replaced by the sale.* The Board are of opinion that Synod were under the impression, that the sale of the remainder of the work would be amply sufficient to reimburse them for the money so to be advanced and yet leave a profit to the parties—it is here perhaps necessary to state, that the printing and publishing of the work was exclusively under the control of the author and such agents as he saw fit to appoint.

The Board on investigation, now find that the expenses of printing and publishing the work *have all been paid from the proceeds of the sale*; and that the widow of the author, (who is now also deceased,) has received since the said expenses have been paid, about the sum of eighty dollars—that about three hundred copies only of the work, (of which about two hundred and forty are in boards,) remain unsold in this city, and about one hundred copies more are yet unsold or unaccounted for by the agents of the author, to whom they were delivered or sent, in the city and country, making in all about four hundred copies unsold or unaccounted for, chiefly bound in boards.

For various reasons the Board have not advanced the said sum of six hundred dollars as authorized by General Synod—the chief reasons are, first, that they did not feel authorized to advance the money until *all* the unsold volumes were put in their possession, or a sufficient number to indemnify the Synod for the money to be advanced, which could not be done, as about one hundred copies are scattered abroad. Secondly, that if they could have been obtained, *the Board* could not without great difficulty and inconvenience, undertake to employ agents to sell the same in various parts of the Church. And lastly, that had they attempted so to do, they are of opinion that the sum to have been advanced would never have been realized to Synod from the sale. Under all the circumstances of the case as above stated, the Board respectfully recommend to General Synod to relinquish to the representatives of the author, all the right of General Synod to any part of the profits arising from said work, and authorize them to sell the same, and receive the moneys arising therefrom for their own use.

3. In pursuance of the authority given by General Synod to appoint an agent or agents to solicit subscriptions and obtain funds, the Board reappointed Mr. William Schuneman for those purposes, and the Board are gratified to state, that he has met with considerable

success, having, as appears by his report of all his operations since the commencement of his agency, made in detail, received from the old outstanding subscriptions, (including the subscriptions obtained by Mr. Van Santvoord,) the sum of - - - \$1971 00
 On new subscriptions obtained by him, - - - 307 88
 And in donations also obtained by him, - - - 532 93

Total amount received by him in cash, - - - \$3311 81
 Exclusive of new subscriptions obtained by him, payable
 in five years by annual instalments, amounting to \$2463 82
 And in donations payable hereafter, - - - 846 02

\$3309 84
 Which, added to the above amount received in cash, 3311 81
 \$6621 65

Since which report, he states that he has also received on
 new and old subscriptions, - - - 190 10

Makes the total amount - - - \$6811 75

The Report of Mr. Schuneman exhibits the moneys received by him, and from whom, with many other particulars ; for the satisfaction of those who have paid the money, as also of Mr. Schuneman, the Board recommend, that so much of the said Report as they may think proper be published under their direction, in the Minutes of General Synod, with the Treasurer's accounts hereafter mentioned.

As a very considerable amount of the old subscriptions, as well as those obtained by Mr. Van Santvoord, remain uncollected, which may be obtained if perseveringly attended to, and which will otherwise probably be lost, the Board respectfully request General Synod to authorize them to appoint an agent or agents, with such powers and duties as they may think most conducive to the prosperity of our Theological Seminary. The Board are under a deep impression, that if the General Synod would commit to them the *sole power* of raising funds for the Theological Seminary, in such manner as they should think most eligible, and would assist their exertions by a strong recommendation to the Churches to co-operate in the measure, a sum sufficient might be raised, in addition to the permanent fund already established, to answer all the necessities of our Theological College, as

well as the contingent expenses of General Synod, and thereby prevent the continued appeals to the Churches for collateral aid. The Board respectfully submit the same to the serious consideration of General Synod.

It having been referred by General Synod to the Board of Direction, to inquire into and state the accounts of Mr. Jacob R. Hardenbergh with the General Synod, in relation to moneys paid by him for repairs, &c. to Rutgers College, and what moneys or balance, if any, is due to him, and report thereon ;—the Board of Directors report, that they have attended to that duty, and find that there is a balance due to Mr. Hardenbergh of five hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty-one cents, including interest, as will more fully appear by a statement of his account herewith delivered ; in which he has charged himself with the sum of five thousand one hundred and fifty-six dollars and thirty-four cents, received by him as the agent of Isaac Heyer, former Treasurer of General Synod, for subscriptions to the second Professorship of the Theological College, and credited himself with the moneys paid by him from time to time to Mr. Heyer, as also with the sums paid by him for repairs, &c. to Rutgers College, to Lewis Carman and Peter Spader, and other small items, amounting together to five thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and forty cents ; leaving a balance due to him as aforesaid, for principal, four hundred and forty-one dollars and six cents, and for interest, one hundred and forty-six dollars and thirty-five cents, making together five hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty-one cents ; which the Board believe to be correct, and recommend that General Synod order the same to be paid.

The Board further state that Mr. Hardenbergh claimed another credit of four hundred dollars, said to be paid to Mr. Heyer, but the only evidence of such payment which he could produce, was a check drawn by himself as agent, &c. on the Bank of New-Brunswick, for that amount, payable to Isaac Heyer or bearer, which check was not endorsed or receipted for by Mr. Heyer, and therefore, in the opinion of the Board, could not be allowed.

The Treasurer's annual account, together with the annual digest, making part of this report, will exhibit to General Synod the state of their funds.

Treasurer's Account.

*The General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in account with
ISAAC YOUNG, Treasurer.*

1830.		DR.	Dolls. C.
June	14	To cash paid Rev. T. M. Strong, the amount paid by him to the door-keeper of General Synod, for attendance, &c. at their last meeting,	12 42
	" "	paid Rev. T. M. Strong the amount of his bill for transcribing the Minutes of General Synod, and ordered to be paid at their last meeting,	13 10
	16	" " paid Isaac Young, Treasurer of General Synod, for one year's salary due 10th inst. \$250 00	
		Postage paid by him, . . . 2 19	
		Discount on uncurrent notes, . . . 57	
			252 76
July	14	" " paid W. Schuneman in full of his salary and travelling expenses as agent to collect subscriptions, &c. up to 1st June last,	290 00
	21	" " paid Peter Spader, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College for one year's interest on Col. Henry Rutgers donation of \$5000 to Rutgers College, due 20th June last,	300 00
	" "	paid Rev. Peter Labagh his expenses in attending the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church held at Philadelphia in May last,	4 00
	" "	paid Vanderpool & Cole for printing the Minutes of General Synod, paper, binding, &c. . . .	120 59
Aug't.	20	" " paid Dr. John De Witt on account of his salary as Professor, &c. due 1st September next,	100 00
Sept.	2	" " paid Cornelius Heyer, to be loaned by him on pledge of stock, temporarily,	5000 00
	3	" " paid John C. Van Liew, beneficiary on the Heyer scholarship, on account of his allowance,	40 00
	4	" " paid Dr. J. S. Cannon for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst. . . .	393 75
	" "	paid Dr. P. Milledoler for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst. . . .	393 75
	8	" " paid Dr. J. De Witt balance of one quarter's salary, as Professor, &c. due 1st inst. . . .	337 50
	" "	paid Dr. J. DeWitt on account of one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st December next,	40 00
	15	" " paid Stephen G. Fottrell for the assignment by him to General Synod of Abraham B. Mead's bond for \$5000, with interest from 1st July last, with a mortgage on house and lot No. 82 Warren street, New York,	5062 47
	20	" " W. Schuneman, agent, &c. on account of his salary and travelling expenses,	60 00
	24	" " paid L. W. Kip for investigating the title of A. B. Mead to lot No. 82 Warren street, and disbursements,	5 20
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Account continued.

1830.		DR.	Dolls. C
		To amount brought forward,	12425 54
Oct.	25	To Cash paid Washington Insurance Company for premium of Insurance on Dutch Church at Utica, for one year,	30 00
	29	" " paid J. C. Van Liew, the beneficiary on the Heyer scholarship, in full of his allowance to 1st December next,	20 00
Nov.	9	" " paid W. Schuneman, on account of his salary as agent to collect subscriptions, &c.	200 00
	11	" " paid W. Schuneman, agent, &c. in adv. of his salary,	100 00
	17	" " paid Eagle Fire Company for premium of Insurance on Rutgers College for one year,	36 00
		" " paid Rev. T. M. Strong, his expenses in attending the meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church at Hagerstown, Maryland, in October last,	22 08
	27	" " paid Washington Insurance Company for Insurance on J. R. Hardenbergh's house for one year,	25 20
Dec.	2	" " paid John C. Van Liew, the beneficiary on the Heyer scholarship, three months' allowance in advance,	30 00
		" " paid Dr. P. Milledoler for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	393 75
	4	" " paid Dr. J. De Witt the balance of one quarter's salary, as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	397 50
		" " paid Dr. J. S. Cannon for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	393 75
1831.	7	" " paid W. Bigelow for a Book of Minutes for General Synod,	7 50
Feb.	2	" " paid Henry Young of Philadelphia, the amount of his subscription to the third Professorship, paid twice by him through mistake	10 00
		" " paid Rev. I. N. Wyckoff for his services in procuring subscriptions to the third Professorship, use of his horse and wagon, and for supplies for his pulpit while so engaged, from September 1826, to March 1827, amounting to \$78, for which he agrees to accept	50 00
March	2	" " paid Dr. John De Witt for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	437 50
	3	" " paid John C. Van Liew, the beneficiary on the Heyer scholarship, for three months' allowance from 1st inst. in advance,	30 00
	8	" " paid C. Heyer, to be loaned by him on pledge of stock, until it can be permanently invested,	5000 00
	10	" " paid Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker, his expenses in attending the meeting of the General Synod of the German Reformed Church at Hagerstown, Maryland, in October last,	24 00
	11	" " Dr. P. Milledoler. for one quarter's salary as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	393 75
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1831.		DR.	Dolls. C.
		To amount brought forward,	20026 57
March	17	To Cash paid Dr. J. S. Cannon for one quarter's salary, as Professor, &c. due 1st inst.	393 75
April	9	" " paid Dr. J. De Witt, on account of one quarter's salary, as Professor, &c. due 1st June next,	150 00
May	2	" " paid W. Schuneman, on account of his salary as agent to collect subscriptions, &c.	50 00
	12	" " paid Rev. T. M. Strong, for his salary, &c. for one year up to June next, as Stated Clerk of General Synod, per an order made at their meeting in June last,	50 00
	19	" " paid Rev. Eli Baldwin, for one year's salary as Clerk of the Board of Direction, due 1st June next, \$100 00 and for binding the Minutes of General Synod for the use of the Board, 94	100 94
			20771 26
		Balance in bank carried to new account,	3124 20
			23895 46

Errors excepted.

ISAAC YOUNG,

Treasurer, &c.

May, 30, 1831,

1830.		CR.	Dolls. C.
May	31	By balance of account rendered last year,	2024 33
		By Cash received of W. M. Ireland, for six months' interest on his bond, due 21st inst.	175 00
		" " of Rev. C. Z. Paulison, for a collection made in the Church at Aquackanonck for the increase of the Theological Library, &c.	6 37
		" " of Rev. R. D. Vankleeck, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the Church at Raritan, N. J.	31 32
June	1	" " of Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, for the last instalment of his subscription to the third Professorship,	50 00
		" " of Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, for the last instalment of the subscription of the Church at Catskill to the third Professorship,	100 00
		" " of W. Brett, Treasurer, &c. for the twenty-five cent contribution of the Church at Fishkill landing,	6 00
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Account, continued.

1831.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By balance brought forward,	2393 02
June	2	By Cash of Rev. J. C. Sears, in full of the subscription of Henry Young of Philadelphia, to the third Professorship,	10 00
	7	" " of Rev. Jacob Settle, for collections made in the Church at Beaver Dam, viz. for the increase of Library, &c. 1 50 for the contingent fund, 1 50	3 00
	11	" " of John Crusen, for the subscription of the following persons at Northampton, Pennsylvania, to the third Professorship, viz.— James Wynkoop, in full, 3 00 John Finrey, 3 82 C. Van Arsdalen, 4 55 Adrian Cornell, on account, 6 00 Garret Van Arsdalen, 2 00 Elizabeth Krusen, 2 00 Elizabeth Cornell, 1 00	22 37
		" " of Rev. A. O. Halsey, for a collection made in the Church at Northampton, Pennsylvania, for the Theological College,	5 00
	14	" " of Rev. T. M. Strong, on account of arrearages due from the Classis of Washington for Minutes of General Synod.	15 00
		" " of Rev. J. E. Miller, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the Church at Tompkinsville, Staten Island,	7 80
July	3	" " of Rev. Isaac Ferris, Questor, &c. for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Albany,	12 00
	14	" " of Rev. G. Ludlow, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the Church at New Shannack,	6 00
		" " of W. Schuneman, agent, &c. collected by him from various persons on their subscriptions to the third Professorship,	164 00
		and of which amount the following sums were subscribed and paid at Flatlands, Long Island, by the following persons, viz.— John Lott, 2 00 Maria Remsen, 1 00 John Schenck, 2 00 Johanna Covenhoven, 3 00 Margaret Ditmas, 3 00 William T. Covenhoven, 2 00 Ann Terhune, 2 00 Elias Hubbard, 2 00	
		" " of M. Bartine, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the Church at Clarkestown,	3 07
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Account continued.

1830.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By balance brought forward,	2641 26
July	21	By cash of Peter Spader, for interest received by him on the	
	29	professoral funds of General Synod in his hands,	439 75
		“ “ of Zebedee Ring, for six month's interest on his	
		bond to General Synod, due 9th June last,	140 00
	31	“ “ of T. T. Blauvelt, for the twenty-five cent contribu-	
		tion of the Church at Tappan,	11 10
		“ “ of M. C. Morgan, for the twenty-five cent contribu-	
		tion of the Church in Garden street, New York,	35 15
Aug.	4	“ “ of M. Van Beuren, for half a year's interest on	
		his bond, due 30th July last,	45 00
	5	“ “ of W. Schuneman, Agent, &c., collected by him	
		from various persons in the Classis of Ulster, on	
		their subscriptions to the Third Professorship,	165 00
	11	“ “ of Rev. H. L. Rice, for the twenty-five cent contribu-	
		tion of the Church at Spotswood, N. J.,	9 25
	12	“ “ of John Williams, for six months' interest on his	
		bond, due 9th instant,	145 00
	24	“ “ of Zebedee Ring, in full payment of his bond,	
		with interest to this date,	4058 30
	28	“ “ of C. Miller, Treasurer, &c., being the balance	
		of the fifth instalment of the subscription of the	
		Consistory of the Second Dutch Church in Al-	
		bany to the Third Professorship,	50 00
Sept.	2	“ “ for a dividend of 8 per cent. on 12 notes of the	
		Franklin Bank, insolvent,	96
		“ “ for one quarter's interest on New York State	
		Stock, due 1st July last,	12 00
	15	“ “ of Cornelius Heyer, being the amount invested	
		by him on pledge of stock, and interest,	5009 3
	20	“ “ of Rev. J. I. Schultz, for one year's interest on	
		his note for \$100, due 26th July last, given for	
		his subscription to the permanent fund	5 00
		“ “ of J. S. Miller, for two years' interest on his note	
		for \$100, due 8th July last, given for his sub-	
		scription to the permanent fund,	10 00
		“ “ of W. Schuneman, Agent, &c., being subscrip-	
		tions, donations, &c., collected by him from	
		various persons in New Jersey, for the permanent	
		fund of the Theological College,	485 00
	29	“ “ of I. L. Kip, Treasurer, &c., for six months' interest	
		on two bonds of the Collegiate Churches in N. Y.	
		for \$500 each, due 1st May and 20th June last,	300 00
Oct.	21	“ “ of Rev. John Gosman, in full of his subscription	
		to the Third Professorship,	250 00
	25	“ “ of Rev. J. I. Shultz, for collections made in the	
		Churches at Lebanon and White House, for the	
		Theological College, viz.:	
		at Lebanon, \$4 72	
		White House, 2 10	
			6 82
			13818 62

Account continued.

1830.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By balance brought forward,	13818 62
Oct. 26		By cash of Sarah Freligh, on account of her subscription to the Third Professorship,	10 00
Nov. 2	" "	of D. Fanshaw, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st instant,	180 00
	" "	of Rev. S. H. Cox, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st instant,	90 00
8	" "	of A. D. Ostrander, Treasurer, &c., for a collection made yesterday, in the Middle Dutch Church, New York, for the Theological College,	57 58
9	" "	of W. Schuneman, Agent, &c., collected by him from various persons on their subscriptions to the Third Professorship,	150 00
	" "	of M. Van Beuren, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st instant,	75 00
15	" "	of Rev. J. Otterson, for collections made in the Churches at Oyster Bay and North Hempstead for the Theological College, viz.: at Oyster Bay, \$ 8 00 North Hempstead, 17 00	25 00
17	" "	of Abraham Varick, for one year's interest on the bond of himself and others, due 1st June last,	420 00
	" "	of Abraham Varick, for premium of insurance on the Dutch Church at Utica for one year, paid by me,	30 00
19	" "	of Mr. C. Zabriskie for a dividend on Bergen Turnpike Stock,	11 50
24	" "	of Rev. J. I. Chrystie, for the new subscriptions of the following persons to the Theological College, viz.— James Wheeler, \$2 50 John Pelton, 5 00 Thomas Sproull, 2 50 Cornelius C. Demarest, 6 00 Daniel Dusenbury, 3 00 Henry Pelton, 1 50 Frederick Demarest, 5 00 John Magee, 5 00 John W. Smith, 2 00 James Bell, 1 00	33 50
30	" "	of Cornelius Dubois, being his donation to the Theological College,	10 00
Dec. 1	" "	of W. Schuneman, agent, &c. subscriptions and donations of the following persons in the congregations of North and Southampton and Spring Garden, Philadelphia, for the Theological College, viz.—	
			14911 20

Account continued.

1831. Dec.		CR.	Dolls. C.
1	By balance brought forward,		149 11 20
	In the first Church in Philadelphia,		
	Dr. Gebhard, on account,	\$10 00	
	In the second Church in Philadelphia,		
	G. Sterr, on account,	5 00	
	Robert S. Clark,	10 00	
	Henry Young, in full,	10 00	
	North and South Hampton,		
	Adrian Cornell, in full,	11 37	
	Maria Stephens,	3 00	
	Samuel Dickson,	14 00	
	Isaac Hogeland,	6 00	
	Maria Roads,	4 00	
	Garret Van Arsdalen,	4 00	
	Catharine Van Arsdalen, in full,	3 00	
	Catharine Dubois,	2 00	
	Jonathan Lefferts,	3 75	
	John Krusen,	10 00	
	James Cornell,	2 50	
	Catharine Engler, on account,	2 00	
	Elizabeth Krusen,	1 00	
	Henry Van Arsdalen,	1 00	
	Garret Barcalow, donation,	1 00	
	John Krusen,	5 00	
	Jesse Finney,	9 00	
	Elsie Krusen,	5 00	
	Adriana Craven,	5 00	
	Matilda Feaster,	5 00	
	Richard Freeman,	50	
	Alexander Stephens,	10 00	
	Jacob Carr,	1 00	
	George Gilbert,	5 00	
	Mary Marcenly,	25	
	Rachel Evan,	5 00	
	William Warner,	3 00	
	Mrs. Conover,	56	
	William Wilson,	1 50	
			159 43
2	" " of W. M. Ireland for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st inst.		175 00
7	" " of Rev. B. C. Taylor, for a collection made in the Church at Bergen, N. J. for contingent fund,		5 75
10	" " of Rev. J. T. Field, for a collection made in the Church at Totowa, N. J. for the Theological College,		3 00
	" " of Rev. J. C. Sears, on account of his subscription to the third Professorship,		15 00
	" " of Rev. G. Dubois, the donation of a member of his Church to the Theological College,		5 00
15	" " of W. Schuneman, agent, &c. in full of the subscriptions of the following persons residing at		
			15274 38

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1830.		CR.	Dolls	C.
		By amount brought forward,	15274	38
Dec.	15	Middletown and Freehold, N. J. to the third Professorship, with rebate of interest, viz.—		
		Isaac Van Doren, . . .	\$56	50
		Garret Smock, . . .	14	00
		Robert W. Cook, . . .	14	00
		Joseph Van Mater, . . .	14	00
		Julia Schureman, . . .	26	75
		Holmes Van Mater, . . .	20	00
			145	25
		Deduct a counterfeit note,	1	00
			144	25
		“ “ of W. Schuneman, agent, &c. the donations of the following persons residing at Middletown and Freehold, N. J. to the Theological College, viz.—		
		Denise Hendrickson, . . .	\$5	00
		Mary Couenhoven, . . .	5	00
		Eleanor Couenhoven, . . .	5	00
		David Van Schaick, . . .	50	
		Tylee Couenhoven, . . .	2	00
		Deborah Grover, . . .	2	00
		John Schenck, . . .	20	00
		David Schenck, . . .	5	00
		Lafayette Schenck, . . .	25	00
		Hendrick Couenhoven, . . .	5	00
		Ebenezer Couenhoven, . . .	50	
		John Whitlock, . . .	2	00
			77	00
	29	“ “ of W. Schuneman, agent, &c. (per Rev. R. P. Lee, Jun'r.) on account of the subscription of the Church at Montgomery, Orange County, to the third Professorship,		
1831.			1	83 50
Jan.	3	“ “ of Rev. T. M. Strong, in full of the subscription of the Benevolent Association at Flatbush, Long Island, to the Theological College,		42 50
		“ “ of Rev. T. M. Strong, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Cayuga,		5 00
	11	“ “ of J. W. Duryee, Treasurer, &c. for a collection made in the Church in Market street, New York, for the Theological College,		44 20
Feb.	2	“ “ of Rev. P. P. Rouse, for the subscription of the Benevolent Association at Brooklyn, Long Island, to the Theological College,		75 00
		“ “ of Rev. J. C. Sears, on account of his subscription to the third Professorship,		10 00
		“ “ of Rev. I. N. Wyckoff, on account of his subscription to the third Professorship,		50 00
	3	“ “ of A. B. Mead, for half a year's interest on his bond, due 1st January last.		150 00
			16055	83

Account continued.

1831.		CR.	Dolls. C.
		By balance brought forward,	16055 83
Feb.	7	By Cash of M. Van Beuren, for half a year's interest on his bond, due 9th inst.	45 00
	14	" " of J. Williams, for half a year's interest on his bond due 9th inst.	245 00
	17	" " of I. Young, receiver, &c. for one year's interest on Jacob Burdett's bond, due 10th January last,	1 75 00
March	5	" " of M. Van Beuren, in full payment of his two bonds, with interest,	4059 75
	7	" " of J. R. Hardenbergh, for one year's interest on his bond, due 10th Nov. last, \$280 00 and for premium of insurance paid by me on his house in New Brunswick, 25 20	305 20
	8	" " of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c. for six months' interest on the bond of the Collegiate Dutch Churches in New York, due 1st Nov. last,	150 00
		" " of Isaac L. Kip, Treasurer, &c. for six months' interest on the Bond of the Collegiate Dutch Churches in New York, due 20th Dec. last,	150 00
	16	" " of M. C. Morgan, Treasurer, &c. for a collection made in the South Dutch Church, New York, for the Theological College,	52 00
	21	" " of Rev. P. P. Rouse, for a collection made in the Church at Brooklyn, for the Theological College,	20 00
April	14	" " of Rev. C. Van Cleef, for a collection made in the Church at Athens, for the Theological College,	4 12
	18	" " of Rev. T. M. Strong, for Minutes of General Synod for 1829, furnished to the Classis of Montgomery,	3 00
	19	" " of C. Miller, for the subscription of the Benevolent Association in the Second Dutch Church in Albany, to the Theological College,	126 87
	22	" " of W. Schuneman, agent, &c., collected by him from sundry persons in the Classes of Ulster, Albany, Rensselaer and Washington, on their old and new subscriptions and donations to the Theological College,	850 00
	26	" " of Rev. I. S. Demund, for a collection made in the Church at Pompton, New Jersey, for the Theological College,	4 48
	27	" " of Rev. W. Eltinge, questor, &c., for Minutes of General Synod furnished to the Classis of Paramus,	9 00
May	2	" " of Rev. J. E. Miller, on account of Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the South Classis of New York,	7 75
			<u>22263 00</u>

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1831.		CR.	Dolls	C.
		By balance brought forward,	222	63 00
May	2	By cash of D. Fanshaw, for six months' interest on his bond due 6th instant,	180	00
	3	" " of P. Spader, for the principal of Thomas Thompson's bond to General Synod, paid off,	1000	00
	4	" " of Rev. J. Schoonmaker, for the subscription of the Benevolent Association at Jamaica, L. I., to the Theological College,	15	63
		" " of Rev. J. Schoonmaker, for a collection made in the Church at Jamaica, for the Theological College,	6	30
		" " of Rev. J. E. Miller, for Minutes of General Synod for 1828 and 1829, furnished to the Church at Tompkinsville,	1	25
	5	" " of Rev. S. H. Cox, for six months' interest on his bond, due 1st instant,	90	00
	10	" " of W. Schuneman, Agent, &c., (per Rev. C. L. Van Dyck,) collected from various persons at Marbletown, Ulster county, on their subscription to the Third Professorship,	43	00
		" " of Rev. J. L. Zabriskie, questor, &c., for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of New Brunswick,	13	75
	11	" " of Rev. E. Holmes, for the subscription of the Benevolent Association at Linlithgow, to the Theological College,	12	00
	12	" " of Rev. Gustavus Abeel, questor, &c., for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Bergen,	14	50
	13	" " of Rev. W. S. Heyer, for the twenty-five cent contribution of the Church at Fishkill Landing,	5	75
	15	" " of H. Banta, for a collection made in the Church at Paschack, New Jersey, for the Theological College,	1	00
	16	" " of Rev. J. T. Field, for the subscription of the Benevolent Association in the Second Reformed Dutch Church at Totowa, New Jersey, for the Theological College,	3	50
		" " of Rev. Gabriel Ludlow, for Minutes of General Synod, furnished to the Classis of Philadelphia,	8	00
	18	" " of Rev. S. A. Van Vranken, for the subscription of the Benevolent Association at Freehold, N. J., to the Theological College,	22	50
		" " of Rev. S. A. Van Vranken, in full of the subscriptions of the following persons residing at Freehold, New Jersey, to the permanent fund, viz.:		
		Teunis D. Dubois,	\$10	00
		Widow Dubois,	5	00
			15	00
			236	95 68

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		CR.	Dolls.	C.
1831.		By balance brought forward, . . .	23695	68
May	22	By cash of the Manhattan Company, for three quarterly dividends on stock of the State of New York, due 1st April last, . . .	36	00
	26	“ “ of Rev. J. C. Sears, for the twenty-five cent contribution, and the collection for the Theological College, made in the Church at Spring Garden, Philadelphia, . . .	13	78
	27	“ “ of Isaac L. Kipp, Treasurer, &c., for six months' interest on the bond of the Collegiate Dutch Churches, New York, due 1st instant, . . .	150	00
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ANNUAL DIGEST, 1831.

The Board of Direction submit to General Synod their Annual Digest, as follows, viz :—

I. *The Van Benschoten Fund.*

The amount of this fund was, on the first day of April, 1831, as reported by Peter Spader, Treasurer of Rutgers College, and which is loaned on bonds secured by mortgages in the state of New Jersey,

	\$18100 00
Balance in his hands of the same fund,	564 10
Interest on the same fund due 1st May, 1831,	1222 00
There has been paid to indigent students during the past year, out of this fund,	630 00

II. *Legacy of the late Miss Rebecca Knox.*

The amount of this fund is \$2,000, which was formerly loaned to the trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church on their bond, but which has been repaid by them, and is now loaned on bond secured by mortgage on property in the state of New Jersey. One year's interest has been received on this fund due 1st

January, 1831,	\$120 00
Balance remaining in the Treasurer's hands last year,	37 86
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	157 86
There has been paid to indigent students during the past year out of this fund,	120 00
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Balance in hand,	37 86

III. *Indigent Students' Permanent Fund.*

To this fund nothing has been added to the \$200 paid by James Bogert, Jun. for its commencement.

IV. *Indigent Students' Fund.*

Nothing has been received on account of this fund during the past year.

V. *Heyer Scholarship.*

The sum of \$2500, devised by the late Mr. Isaac Heyer, is invested on bond secured by mortgage on property in the city of New York. There has been paid to John C. Van Liew, the beneficiary on this fund, during the past year,

\$120 00

VI. *Permanent Professoral Fund of General Synod.*

Under this head are included all the moneys which have been collected and invested on the subscriptions for the second and third Professorships, as well as the moneys formerly belonging to this fund, exclusive of the donation of Isaac Heyer, which was included in this fund in the last year's account.

Loaned on bonds secured by mortgages, including the	
bond of the Collegiate Churches in New York,	\$46000 00
Personal Fund, formerly in the hands of the Trustees of	
Rutgers College, and transferred by them to General Synod,	8150 00
Six per cent. stock of the State of New York,	800 00
Twenty-three shares of the Bergen Turnpike stock, ten	
of which belong to Rutgers College, valued at	575 00
Four shares of Albany and Schenectady Turnpike	
stock, valued at	240 00
Notes of hand taken for subscriptions,	425 00
Rev. John F. Schermerhorn's note,	510 50
Balance in the Treasurer's hands to be invested,	3124 20
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	\$59824 70

VII. *Collections in the Churches.*

During the past year there has been received from this source,	
For the increase of the Library,	\$7 87
“ Contingent Fund,	7 25
“ Twenty-five cent donations,	115 44
“ Theological College,	248 78
“ Subscriptions of benevolent associations.	308 00

VIII. *Cent Societies.*

Nothing has been received from this source during the past year.

IX. *Minutes of General Synod.*

There has been received for Minutes of General Synod,	
during the past year,	\$89 25
And there has been paid for printing, paper, &c.	120 59
All which is respectfully submitted,	

ISAAC L. KIP, <i>President</i> ,	
CORNELIUS HEYER,	} <i>Directors.</i>
WILLIAM M'MURRAY,	
ABRAHAM VAN NEST,	
ISAAC YOUNG, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

30th *May*, 1831.

Resolved, That the Rev. John Beattie and Alexander M. Mann, and the Elder, John Ingold, be a Committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons who constitute the Board of Directors under the charter.

The Committee reported accordingly, and the Synod proceeded to ballot for a President, three Directors, and a Treasurer of the Corporation—when Mr. Isaac L. Kip was chosen President ; Messrs. Cornelius Heyer. Rev. Wm. M'Murray, D. D. and Abraham Van Nest, were chosen Directors, and Mr. Isaac Young was chosen Treasurer of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V.

Correspondence.

A number of copies of the minutes of the sessions of the Synod of the German Reformed Church for 1829 and 1830, were laid on the table of Synod.

A copy of the letter addressed to the Protestant Reformed Church of France, by the committee appointed for that purpose in June, 1829, was laid before Synod, accompanied with certain answers to the same, which had been received during the past year.

A letter was received from the Stated Clerk of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Church, on the subject of the proposed

correspondence between the two churches, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The following report was received from one of the members appointed by the Synod to attend the last meeting of the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

The undersigned, in behalf of the Delegates to the General Synod of the German Reformed Church would respectfully report, that the Rev. Jacob Schoonmaker and himself attended the last meeting of the Synod of the above-named church at Hagerstown, Md., and were most cordially received, and treated with Christian kindness and courtesy. Nothing of a special nature touching the subject of the correspondence between the two churches occurred.

THOMAS M. STRONG.

The Rev. William B. Sprague, D. D., appeared, presented his credentials, and took his seat as a Corresponding Delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved, That the Delegates to the Churches with which the Synod holds correspondence, be in future chosen by ballot, from a nomination of double the number of names, to be made by the Committee on Correspondence.

The following report was received from the members appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The undersigned beg leave to report that they attended the late meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and that they were cordially received.

ELI BALDWIN,
ABRM. VAN NEST.

June 8, 1831.

The Committee on Correspondence reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit, for the consideration of Synod, the following report :—

Your Committee have had submitted unto them the minutes of the Associate Reformed Synod, of New York, of the German Reformed Church, and two others, containing a correspondence between the General Synod of the Protestant Reformed Dutch Church of North

America and ministers, consistories, and members of the Protestant Reformed Church of France.

1. In relation to the aforesaid friendly correspondence with the Church of France, your Committee recommend its continuance by the following mode, viz. :

1. *Resolved*, That the aforesaid letters be filed.

2. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Gerardus A. Kuypers, D. D., and Thomas De Witt, D. D., be appointed a Committee to draft and forward, as soon as may be, under the signature of the President and Stated Clerk, a letter to the Protestant Reformed Church of France.

3. In relation to the Associate Reformed Synod of New York, your Committee ascertain from their minutes, that the plan of correspondence proposed by this Church was referred to a Committee, favorably reported on by the same, and laid on the table for more mature deliberation of the Synod.

4. In relation to the German Reformed Church, your Committee find nothing on their minutes claiming your attention save the appointment of delegates to said body.

5. No minutes of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church have been received. Your Committee recommend the appointment of delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and to the German Reformed Church as usual.

By Order. W. ELTINGE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Correspondence having reported a nomination of a double number of persons from whom to elect Delegates to the corresponding churches, the Synod proceeded to the election of the same, when the following were chosen, viz. :—

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., and the Elder Samuel Kuen, *Primarii*; Rev. Isaac Ferris, and the Elder, Christopher Van Arsdalen, *Secundi*.

To the Synod of the German Reformed Church, Rev. Gilbert R. Livingston, D. D., and James Romeyn, *Primarii*; Rev. Jacob C. Sears, and Douw Van Olinda, *Secundi*.

The minutes of the last session of the United Associate Synod of Scotland having been submitted to the Synod, it was resolved, that the Rev. J. B. Hardenbergh, J. Van Vechten, and J. Murphy, and

the Elder P. D. Vroom, Jun., be a Committee to consider the propriety of opening a correspondence with the said church.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom it was referred to report on the expediency of opening a correspondence with the United Associate Synod of Scotland, beg leave to present for the adoption of Synod, the following resolutions :—

Resolved, That it is deemed expedient to open a correspondence with the United Associate Synod of Scotland.

Resolved, That the Rev. Wm. C. Brownlee, D. D., and the Rev. Jacob Brodhead, D. D., be appointed a committee to prepare a suitable communication, to be signed by the President and Stated Clerk of the Synod, and forwarded, together with the minutes of this Synod, to the said Associate Synod of Scotland.

Respectfully submitted,

P. D. VROOM, Jun., *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the Elder Peter D. Vroom, Jun., be added to the committee to draft a letter to the United Associate Synod of Scotland.

ARTICLE VI.

Synodical Reports of the State of the Churches.

Resolved, That Prayer Meetings be attended in this place at the hour of 6 o'clock in the morning, during the Session of Synod.

Resolved, That the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D. D., Peter I. Van Pelt, and Jacob Van Vechten, be a Committee to make arrangements for conducting the religious exercises of the Synod during their Session.

In conformity with a standing regulation, the Synod spent a part of the afternoon of the first day of the session in religious exercises, conducted agreeably to a plan previously reported by the committee of arrangements.

The Committee on the state of Religion reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee appointed to draw up the Synodical Report, submit the following :—

The interests of the Church of God are engraven upon the Saviour's heart—for her deliverance and salvation he has offered up his atoning blood—for her increase and extension, for her prosperity and glory, he has left her the rich legacy of his gospel ; he has instituted the ministry of reconciliation, and the ordinances of his grace ; and he has bestowed upon her the promise and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The moral image of God has been impressed upon the hearts of all his people—the Christian character is always radically the same—the spirit of the gospel is uniform in its nature and operations—it partakes of the mind of Jesus Christ the great Head of the Church, and it accords with the elevated and heaven-born design of his mission into our guilty world. Its language is, “If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning ; peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces ; for Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.”

The desires, the hopes, the expectations of the Church of God, shall not be disappointed. The purposes of Jehovah are as certain and abiding as the throne upon which he sits. His truth, his promises, his wisdom, his power and his grace, are pledged for her preservation and for the security and advancement of her exalted interests. Happy are they who are door-keepers in the house of the Lord, and who with humble and holy hearts are devoted to his service and to the service of his Church.

God has not left himself without a witness. Jesus Christ has been exalted a Prince and Saviour to give repentance and remission of sins ; and as while he was on earth, so now, the works which he does bear testimony for him. His promises have been fulfilled—the gates of hell have not prevailed against his Church. She remains, as she always has been, the salt of the earth, the light of the world, and the glory of every land where she has unfurled her banners. The age in which we live is not only an age of prayer, but of action and of great blessings. Many have desired to hear those things which we hear, and have not heard them, and to see those things which we see, and have not seen them.

The church distinctively which we represent, although comparatively circumscribed, we trust is not the least that exists among the various departments of the moral and spiritual vineyard of our Lord. We believe that in the great characteristic features of our faith we hold the doctrine which has been delivered to the saints ; and this it is fundamentally which constitutes the life, the beauty, the excellency, and the glory of the Church. The truth of God changes not. We wish no other gospel than the gospel of Jesus Christ ; and although it is an old gospel, it remains equally suited to the wants of the Church and to the necessities of sinful and dying men. It is not by the eloquence of reason, nor by the speculations of misnamed philosophy, but by the simplicity of divine truth, and by the foolishness of gospel preaching, that God saves them that believe. Destroy the truth of God, and let error take its place, and the foundations of the Church are gone ; her glory has departed from her, and desolation and death follow in the train. Occupying as we do, a place of happy medium between the extremes of Arminianism on the one hand, and Antinomianism on the other, we exalt the name of Jehovah and humble the pride of human sufficiency, ascribing the undivided glory of salvation to the sovereignty and omnipotence of divine grace, while at the same time we maintain the personal and solemn responsibilities of men, press the obligations of the divine law, exhibit the motives to repentance and holy living, absolve the throne of God from all blame, and present the whole charge of transgression at the door of the sinner's heart and conscience. For this, for the preservation of his truth among us, we would, in this place, raise up our Ebenezer of gratitude and praise unto him who is both the Shepherd and the great Prophet in Zion.

Nor is this all which it is our privilege to say. The providence of God is exhibiting the evidence that he has not left his truth in our day without the seal of his Holy Spirit—the intelligence, the conscience, the affections, the sympathies of the Church, are constrained to benevolent and evangelical actions. In our Sabbath Schools, in the extensive and systematic circulation of religious tracts, in the rapid and wide spread dissemination of the entire oracles of God without note or comment, in the zealous and increasing effort which is made in the cause of foreign and domestic missions, the Church of Jesus Christ is carrying into effect the commission of her Lord.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature”—and whatever discouragements and difficulties may lie in her way, her only language is not the plaintive language of the Prophet, “Lord, who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed.” God has given efficacy to his truth, and has added success to the efforts of his people. The year which has just passed away, and the events which it has been our happiness to behold and contemplate, has been a year of blessing.—Many of the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially in our own highly favored country, have been visited with precious seasons of refreshing from the storehouse of heaven. The saints of God have been revived and quickened, and many sinners, from the child of ten years of age to the man of threescore years and ten, have had a new song put into their hearts. A deep and tender solicitude in view of the temporal and eternal interests of men has been awakened. The Church has received a new impulse, and has, more fully than in former years, come up to the standard of her duty. Christians are praying, and sinners are pressing into the kingdom of God. And when Christians pray, and when the sensibilities of the Church are stirred up within her, is it strange that sinners should be converted? “When Zion travails she brings forth children.” “The time to favor Zion is come, for thy servants take pleasure in her stones and favor the dust thereof.” Many, and extensive, and powerful are the revivals of religion with which the great Head of the Church has watered and beautified his spiritual heritage. Glad tidings have saluted our ears, flowing in like so many refreshing streams from every direction. Our cities, our villages, our country population, our literary institutions, our Sabbath Schools, our Bible classes, the cottages of the poor and the palaces of the rich, all have participated in the gracious life-giving influences of the Holy Ghost, and even upon our canvass that whitens the bosom of the great deep, begins to be written “holiness unto the Lord.” And while Jesus Christ has thus in great mercy visited his people and poured down salvation, that department of his kingdom which has been committed to our trust, has not been forgotten of him.—While a number of our churches have been more eminently favored, there has, we trust, a redeeming spirit from the lethargy of former years, gone abroad throughout the length and breadth of our Zion. The churches which have been more particularly distinguished and blessed

in the recent visitations of divine grace, are—the church in Franklin street, the church in Broome street, the Collegiate Church, the Greenwich church, the South Church, and the Church in Market street, in the city of New York—the churches of Brooklyn, Flatlands, New Lots, Jamaica and Williamsburgh, in the Classis of Long Island—the first and second churches of Philadelphia, and the church of Harlingen, in the Classis of Philadelphia—the church of Poughkeepsie, in the Classis of Poughkeepsie—the churches of Nassau, Schodac, and Catskill, in the Classis of Rensselaer—the church of Washington and Gibbonsville, in the Classis of Albany—the church of Union Village and Scaghticoke, in the Classis of Washington—the church of Canajoharie, in the Classis of Montgomery—and the churches of Lodi, Chittenango, Utica, Ithica, and Farmersville, in the Classis of Cayuga. In several, if not in all of these churches, and in others not here enumerated, it is believed there is now a work of divine grace in progress the issue of which may yet gladden the city of God.

Since the statistical reports of the several Classes have been submitted, the most cheering intelligence has been received from various sections of the church. In some of our congregations many have been recently received, and in others the prospects of accessions are such as to promise a large increase.

And while with gratitude and praise we make mention of the goodness of God, and of the favorable indications of his providence, be it our fervent and united prayer, that the truth of God may have free course and be glorified among us, that the hope of Israel may be unto us not as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night, but that he may take up his dwelling in the midst of our churches, and that his Holy Spirit may be poured out, until revival of religion shall meet revival of religion, and until the song of redemption shall be heard throughout our borders, from one extremity of our Zion unto the other ;—and we would exhort ourselves, our Christian brethren and friends, and the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, over whose interests we are called to watch with an untiring solicitude, not to deny the work of God's grace, nor even for a moment to call in question the reality and the divine origin of these revivals of religion which have spread over our land, lest we should grieve and strive against the Holy Ghost, and bring upon ourselves and upon our churches and congregations,

the frowns of divine displeasure, and the withering influence of his avenging Providence. It has been pleasing to learn that in the late revivals of religion in our land, and within the bounds of our own church, an unusual number of men have been gathered in—prominent men, men of wealth, of character, of high standing; and therefore likely to exert, and to a more than ordinary extent, a most happy influence upon the moral and religious interests of the church, and of the whole community.

Among the connexions in which, and the means by which, revivals of religion have occurred and have been promoted in our own church and in sister churches, and which God seems to have marked in his Providence, we would mention particularly the plain, simple, searching, zealous presentment of divine truth in the preaching of the gospel; the establishing and conducting of Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes; the observance of days of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost; the formation of Temperance societies; daily meetings for united prayer at an early hour of the day; and public religious exercises continued throughout several successive days, by a convocation of ministers, aided by the prayers and co-operation of the officers and members of our churches. It is mentioned emphatically in the report of the Classis of New York, on the state of religion, that, “in a goodly number of their churches, meetings held at an early hour in the morning have proved very refreshing to the people of God.”—These and similar prayer meetings must have a happy tendency: they are stated—they are frequent; they unite the sensibilities, the sympathies, the faith, and the best desires of the Church, in one undivided and strong expression of feeling before the mercy seat, and they are likely to prevail with God.—In reference to the cause of Temperance, we feel as if we could not speak in terms too decided, nor with a zeal that is too great. It is a cause which God has prospered—which he has very prominently held up to the view of the philanthropist and the Christian, and upon which he seems to have set the broad deep seal of his co-operating and approving Providence. We rejoice to hear that so much has been done to give direction and energy to public feeling in this cause throughout our country, and throughout the church which we represent. Like him who came to prepare the way of the Lord, temperance efforts, and the establishment of temperance

associations, have come laden in themselves with a thousand joys—have ushered in revivals of religion, and in many, very many instances, have proved the harbingers of a thousand blessings, which have gladdened the city of God ; which have soothed the pains and dried the tears of a thousand sorrows ; and which shall fill heaven itself with songs of everlasting gratitude and praise.

It is believed that the great benevolent institutions of the day in which we live, and which are calling forth the pecuniary resources of the Church, are receiving an increased attention and support among us, in view of their bearing both upon the interests of our own church, and upon the more extended advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world. We have reason to rejoice when the sentiment obtains deeper root, and becomes more powerful and operative, that it is the duty and the privilege of the Christian community, to give their service in the consecration of their property unto the Lord ; believing at the same time that those who give, and who give most liberally, and who give in the spirit of the gospel, shall not lose their reward.

And now in conclusion, we would say to ourselves, to our brethren, to the churches under our care,—go onward, in unity, in peace, in the exercise of that charity which seeketh not her own, which is not easily provoked, which thinketh no evil, and which rejoiceth in the truth ; each esteeming others better than himself, keeping the heart with all diligence, fully sensible that the increase is of God. The field to be possessed and cultivated is large ; much remains to be done ; the night cometh when no man can work ; time is short, eternity is at hand ; immortal interests are depending.—Go onward, employing every system of means which the Bible warrants, and which is adapted to promote the salvation of souls, and the important interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, increasing as you go, always abounding in the work of the Lord ; and in due season you shall reap if you faint not.

By order of the Committee,

R. BRONK, *Chairman.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
New York.	G. A. Kuypers											
	John Knox	415	2000		18	38	11		15	932	25	3
	W. C. Brownlee											
	Thomas De Witt											
Franklin Street	George Dubois	230	1200		10	102	6		7		30	17
Greenwich	N. I. Marselus	250	1370	307	30	18	10		7	338	28	4
Broome Street	Jacob Brodhead			224	19	36	8		1	270	30	6
Houston Street	Eli Baldwin	120	600	154	8	9	3		3	165	15	1
Haerlem	C. C. Vermeule	65	325		2	8	7		4	48	6	2
Bloomingdale	Francis M. Kip	52	260		1	2	3			45	3	1
Fordham	J. F. Jackson	56	280	39		4	1	1		41	10	1
Tarrytown	T. G. Smith	96	240	131		4	1	2	1	133	11	
Staten Island	P. I. Van Pelt	211	847	183	3	4	1		1		28	2

Members without charge—Rev. Mr. Abraham I. Labagh, laboring in the gospel in the Island of St. Thomas, W. I.—Rev. Isaac A. Van Hook, Rev. Isaac Labagh. Licentiate—Mr. Robert Kirkwood.

SOUTH CLASSIS OF NEW YORK.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rec'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
South Church	J. M. Mathews	230	1200	419	2	48	3	1	1	464	38	9
Market Street	W. M. Murray	250	1200	353	16	26	13		11	371	18	4
Tompkinsville	J. E. Miller	54	270	42	3	4	3			46	10	
Courtlandtown	No Pastor	30	250			1				38	3	
Orchard Street	No Pastor	135	675	129								
Manhattan	C. Knouse	42	260	40	3	4				47	6	1
Vandewater Street	R. V. Dey											
Peekskill	No Pastor											

CLASSIS OF NEW BRUNSWICK

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.		
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In communion per last Report.	Rc'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	
					On Certificate.	On Confession.							
Six Mile Run	J. Romeyn				3	27					211	33	6
Hillsborough	John L. Zabriskie.	130			3	3	9		3			30	
Raritan	R. D. Vankleek	251	1654	334	12	12	3		3	347	32	2	
Bedminster	I. M. Fisher	200	1200		4	5			1		39	1	
Lebanon and } Rockaway }	J. I. Shultz			103	2	2	1	1	2	102	17		
				92	1	6	1			98	25		
Spotswood	H. L. Rice	210	1260		88	2	9	2	1		96	13	5
Freehold	S. A. Van Vranken	130	650	118	1	18	1			136	12	7	
North Branch	Vacant												
Middletown	J. T. B. Beeekman	115	600	84									
New Brunswick	Vacant.												

From Mississink and Mahakamack and Walpack, no report. Rev. John Cornell,
Rev. John S. Mabon, Rev. John Mulligan, without charge.

CLASSIS OF BERGEN.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total of the Con- gregation.	In communion per last Report.	Re'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.
Bergen	B. C. Taylor	165	971	183	3	13	2		5	192	27	
Hackensack and } Schraalenberg }	J. V. C. Romeyn	90		101	5	5	4	1	10	98	15	1
		166		160	2	4	1		7	157	13	1
E. Neighborhood	P. Duryea											
Belville	G. Abeel	115		105	2	9	4	1	3	109	15	3
Stonehouse Plains*	Vacant*											
Fairfield	J. G. Ogilvie	170	1000	98	2	2	1		2	100	15	
Pompton Plains }		126	630	89	1	6			5	91	35	1
Montville }	A. Messler											
Pompton	Isaac S. Demund											
Ponds }		†65	353	55								
Preakness }	Z. H. Kuypers	†55	251	45								
Wyckoff }		†78	457	59								
Bergen Neck	I. C. Boice	60	345	23	2	7				32	12	
Jersey City	J. R. Talmage	†50	250							36		

* Statedly supplied by the Rev. J. T. Field.

† Report of last year.

CLASSIS OF PARAMUS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Re'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Tappan	N. Lansing	159	738		17	2			3	141	27	
Clarkstown	C. Hunt	158	729	155	1	8	2		6	156	15	1
Saddle River and Pasgack	S. Goetchius											
Paramus		170	1050	267	4	10			2	279	20	
1st Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa	W. Eltinge	130	750	95	1	6			1	101	15	
2d Reformed Dutch Church of Totowa		126		68	2	8	1		1	76	14	11
Warwick	J. I. Christie											
West N. Hempstead & Ramapo	J. Wynkoop											
Ackquachinunck	Vacant											
Hackensack and Schraalenberg	Vacant											

CLASSIS OF LONG ISLAND.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total of the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	Re'd On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Brooklyn	P. P. Rouse	125	725	114	8	23	2		2	133	25	1
New Utrecht	John Beattie				3		1	1		62	15	
Gravesend	Vacant	70	500							40	12	
New Lots and Flatlands	Wm. Crookshank	85	550	45		8			1	52	6	
Flatbush		90	605	53	13	1				65	7	3
Bushwick	Thomas M. Strong	90	650	111	1	3	2		5	108	12	
Newtown	Stephen H. Meeker											
Jamaica	J. Schoonmaker	84	530	94		2	1			95	6	
North Hempstead	do	130	800	121	1		1			122	23	
Oysterbay	James Otterson											
Williamsburgh	do											
	James Demarest	32	192	22	7	4				33	13	

CLASSIS OF PHILADELPHIA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Families.	Total in the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
First R. D. Phil.	G. R. Livingston	300	1500	508	13	25	8	3	7	528	28	13
Second R. D. do.	J. C. Sears	135	700	100	8	18	1			125	20	10
North Branch	J. Van Lieu	240	1200	172	2	5	2		4	173	33	2
Harlingen	P. Labagh	152	760	214	1	3	2	1	4	212	26	1
North and South Hampton	A. O. Halsey	105	580	82	6	7			5	90	6	1
New Shannack	G. Ludlow	187	940	155	1	7	1		5	157	32	1
Manayunk	S. A. Bumstead	45	300	18	5	3				26	6	1

Minister without charge—Rev. A. H. Dumont. Licentiate—David Cushing.

CLASSIS OF POUGHKEEPSIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Fam- ilies.	Total in the Con- gregation.	In communion per last Report.	Re'd		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.
					On Certificate.	On Confession.						
Hopewell	C. Whitehead	100	600	118	2	4	1	1	1	121	2	
Fishkill	G. H. Fisher	90	548		4	2	1		4	77	2	
New Hackensack	M. W. Dwight	120	700	154	3	8	1			164	6	2
Greenbush and Taghkanick }	H. Vedder					2		1	1	67	14	
Linlithgow	E. Holmes	125	875	116	5	15	1		3	132	38	2
Hyde Park	W. Cahoon, Jr.	70	400	67	6	7	2		1	77	9	2
Rhinebeck	J. B. Hardenburgh				2	11	3		2		14	
Redhook	A. N. Kittle											
Poughkeepsie	C. C. Cuyler			376	9	64	4	1	8	436	16	35
Fishkill Landing	W. S. Heyer	75	450	124	4	7	3	1		131	12	3

CLASSIS OF MONTGOMERY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.		
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total in the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Re'd. On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.
Caughnawaga Union	A. Van Horne				1	6			1	66	12	1
Florida	H. B. Stryker											
Glen	J. B. Stevenson				2				1	40	2	
2d Ch Charlestown	A. B. Chittenden	66			2				2	15		
Mapletown	do	26								36	7	1
Canajoharie	D. Van Olinda	110		30	6					44	1	1
St. Johnsville	Ransford Wells.	130		17	12	15						
Stone Arabia	A. H. Myers	125			1	7	2		2		13	1
Manheim	I. S. Ketcham											
Indian Castle	do											
Warren	Vacant											
Columbia	J. W. Hongen											
Herkimer	do	200		182	3	5	1	1	1	190	20	
German Flatts	John P. Spinner											
New Ch Herkimer	do											
Frankfort	Henry Snyder			33	5	12				50	7	3
	Vacant			50	15	3	1	1		66		2

CLASSIS OF SCHOHARIE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.						Bapt.			
		Number of Fam- lies.	Total in the Con- gregation.	In Communion per last Report.	Re'd.		Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Commu- nion.	Infants.	Adults.	
On Certificate.	On Confession.												
Broome	W. Paige	102	575	100	2	8				5	105	12	
Schoharie	P. Weidman												
Beaverdam	J. H. VanWagenen	307	1726	204	5	13	1			3	218	8	2
Middleburg	J. Garretson	98	550	111			2			2	107	3	
Windham	H. B. Stimpson	80			6	1	1			1	60	3	1
Sharon	H. A. Raymond			65		13				1	77	15	1
New Rhinebeck	do			76							76	14	
Cobleskill	do			34		4					38	7	
Oakhill	Vacant												
Root	do				1	36	3			4	96		1
Breakabin	do												
Blenheim	do												
Roxbury	do												
Sch. Mountain	do			24			2		1		23		

The Rev. J. R. H. Hasbrouck without a charge,

CLASSIS OF WASHINGTON.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total in the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Union Village	J. D. Fonda	75	363	86	8	51	4	2		137	12	24
Tyashoke	Vacant	47	222	53	1	7		1	5	55	1	3
Saratoga	H. M. Boyd											
Fort Miller	Vacant											
Northumberland	do											
Schaghticoke	do	45			52	3				120	11	8
Wynant's Kill	C. Bogardus											

CLASSIS OF SCHENECTADY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total in the Congregation.	In communion per last Report.	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Schenectady	J. Van Vechten	200	1200	305	22	8		5		314	1	3
1st Ch. Glenville	E. Slingerland	153	891									
2d do do	J. Murphy	100	600	94	10	1	1	2		100		
Boght	J. B. Steele	82	500	105	1	2	5			103		
1st Ch. Rotterdam	Joshua Boyd	63	420	30	1			1		30	5	
2d do do	do	74	468	64		1			2	63	7	
Niskeuna	Vacant	130	800									
Amity	Vacant	83	450									
Helderbergh	N. Bogardus	148	740									
Princetown	Vacant											

Ministers without charge, the Rev. Messrs. Thomas Romeyn and R. J. Blair.

CLASSIS OF CAYUGA.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Census.		Communicants.							Bapt.	
		Number of Families.	Total in the Congregation.	In Communion per last Report.	On Certificate.	On Confession.	Dismissed.	Suspended.	Died.	Total in Communion.	Infants.	Adults.
Six Mile Creek	G. Mandeville	23			6	6						
Owasco	Vacant	125										
Lodi	A. Bennet				8	36	7		2	234	35	16
Chittenango	Vacant				12	22	2		2	84	15	6
Lysander	A. A. Marselus											
Utica	G. W. Bethune	70	400		75	30				105	5	3
Ithaca	A. M. Mann	50	300		48	36	1			82	2	12
Cato	Vacant											
Farmersville	do				1	15				22	1	6
Sandbeach	J. G. Tarbell											

Pastors elect—Rev. Mr. Hammond, Owasco ; Rev. Dr. Yates, Chittenango ;
Rev. Mr. Hoffman, Cato.

CLASSIS OF RENSSELAER.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.
Kinderhook	J. Sickles
Claverack	R. Sluyter
Cattskill	L. N. Wyckoff
Greenbush	J. Liddle
Bloomington	
Ghent	P. S. Wynkoop
Hillsdale	do
Athens	C. Van Cleef
Schodack	S. Van Santvoord
Nassau	J. F. Morris
Stuyvesant	

No Report.

ARTICLE VII.

Synodical References.

The Committee on Synodical Minutes reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Synodical Minutes respectfully submit the following report :—

They find on the minutes of the Particular Synod of New York, the following, which either does, or may require the attention of General Synod, viz. :—

1. On p. 7, the re-appointment of Rev. Messrs. P. Labagh and B. C. Taylor, to defend the decision of Particular Synod in the case of Mr. Neal.

2. On page 24, they find the following, sent up as a reference from the Classis of Poughkeepsie :—

“ *Resolved*, That our Delegates to General Synod be instructed to endeavour to procure that body to pass a rule which shall oblige ministers removing from the bounds of a Classis, within the bounds of another Classis, to take a dismission within one year from the time of such removal, and attach themselves to the Classis within whose bounds they shall have removed, and also oblige the members of our churches who may have removed within the bounds of another church, to take their dismission within the same period.”

3. On page 26, is the following resolution, viz :

“ *Resolved*, that General Synod be requested to enjoin upon the students and candidates, intending to apply to any Classis for examination, to give at least four weeks' notice to the President of Classis of such intention, in order that the Deputati may be duly notified.”

On this subject the Committee recommend the following resolution :—

Resolved, that Synod do hereby enjoin upon the students and candidates applying to Classis for examination, to give the above specified notice of their intention to the President of the Classis.

On the minutes of the Particular Synod of Albany, they find only a resolution of the Classis of Albany, referred by said Synod to this body for consideration, in the following words, viz. : “ *Resolved*, that the Delegates to the Particular Synod be, and they are hereby instructed to request the attention of Synod to the 44th article of the Rules of Church Government, in order that the practice directed in said articles be considered and recommended to the General Synod, that they may adopt such order in relation to it throughout the churches as they in their wisdom may deem expedient.”

On the minutes of the last General Synod, the following articles appear as unfinished business, requiring the attention of Synod at its present session, viz. :

1. The communication of Mr. Wilhelmus Schuneman, on p. 236.
2. The appeal of the Rev. Ava Neal, on p. 277.
3. The subject of additional hymns &c., on pp. 300 and 301.
4. A recommendation on the subject of “ catechetical expositions of catechisms, in use in our church, or scriptural helps for the benefit of Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools.” p. 279.

This recommendation, your Committee are informed, has, at least in one instance, been complied with, and the work is ready to be submitted to Synod.

By order of the Committee,

CORNELIUS C. CUYLER, *Chairman*.

The work on catechetical expositions above referred to, was submitted to Synod, whereupon it was *Resolved*, that the same be referred to the Theological Professors, with discretionary power to recommend the same, if by them approved and found correct.

Resolved, that so much of the above report as relates to the removal of ministers and members, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. Philip Duryea, Robert Bronk, H. B. Stimpson, C. C. Cuyler, D. D., and the Elder, Abraham Van Nest. (See Article IX.)

Resolved, that so much of the above report as relates to the 44th article of the constitution on the subject of church visitation, be referred to a special committee consisting of the Rev. Wilhelmus

Eltinge, John Ludlow, D. D., and Peter Labagh, and the Elders, John V. B. Varrick and Philip Newkirk. (See Article XVI.)

The Committee on Overtures reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Overtures report, that they have had under consideration the memorial from the city of New York, in relation to certain erroneous doctrines, and recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, that the memorialists be referred to the pastoral letter addressed by the General Synod to the churches, as a satisfactory answer to their memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

P. I. VAN PELT, *Chairman*.

At their request, the Committee were discharged from the further consideration of the subjects referred to them.

ARTICLE VIII.

Synodical Appeals.

The appeal of the Rev. Ava Neal from a decision of the Particular Synod of New York, confirming a decision of the Classis of Bergen, suspending him from the gospel ministry, the consideration of which had been postponed from the last General Synod to the present session, was called up ; and Mr. Neal not appearing to prosecute the same, it was *Resolved*, that the appeal of the Rev. Ava Neal from the decision of the Particular Synod of New York be, and the same is hereby considered as relinquished.

ARTICLE IX.

Church Government.

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to revise and amend the Explanatory Articles of church government, the appendix, together with the resolutions in relation to the government of the church, passed by the General Synod at different periods, in conformity with the principles contained in the original rules of church government,

adopted at the National Synod of Dort, in 1618-19 ; that when the same shall have been constitutionally approved by the Classes, and adopted by General Synod, they shall be regarded as the rules for the government of the church ; and that they report at the next session of General Synod.

Resolved, that the above Committee consist of seven, that they be chosen by ballot, and that a committee be appointed to nominate twice the number of persons who shall constitute the same.

The Committee of Nomination having reported, Synod proceeded to ballot, when the following persons were chosen, viz. :—Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., John Ludlow, D. D., Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., John Knox, D. D. ; and the Elders Peter D. Vroom, Jun., Abraham Van Vechten, and Abraham Van Nest.

Resolved, That the Elder, Peter D. Vroom, Jun., be the Chairman of the said Committee.

The Committee on the removal of Ministers and Members, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted.

1. *Resolved* that it be enjoined on ministers to transfer their classical relation to the Classis within whose bounds they may at any time remove, within one year after the time of such removal.

2. *Resolved*, that it be recommended and enjoined on members of our churches, to transfer their relation to the church in our connexion or in correspondence with us, within whose bounds they may remove, within one year after their removal, if such removal place them from under the supervision of the church of their previous connexion.

ARTICLE X.

Doctrines and Morals.

A Communication was received from the Classis of Schenectady relative to certain doctrines contained in the standards of the church, praying that the same might be expunged.

The subject having been discussed at considerable length, it was *Resolved*, that the Classis have leave to withdraw their memorial.

A memorial, signed by sundry members of the R. D. Church of New York, relative to certain alleged erroneous views of doctrine,

was received, and referred to the Committee on Overtures. (See Article VII.)

ARTICLE XI.

Customs and Usages.

A memorial was received from the Consistory of the First Church of Glenville, requesting Synod to grant them a dispensation from the established order of the church, requiring a portion of the Heidelberg Catechism to be explained every Lord's Day, which was referred to a special Committee, consisting of the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., Cornelius C. Cuyler, D. D., and John F. Schermerhorn, and the Elders Abraham Van Vechten and Peter D. Vroom, Jun.

Resolved, That the whole subject of explaining a portion of the Heidelberg Catechism on every Lord's Day, be referred to the above Committee.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Special Committee appointed on the memorial from the First Church of Glenville, praying that their minister be released from the obligation to explain the Heidelberg Catechism, report the following resolution :—

Resolved, That your Committee deem that they have no constitutional right to grant the prayer of the memorialists.

J. LUDLOW, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

Schools and Christian Education.

The following communication was received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education of the R. D. Church, and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. William Crookshank and Herman B. Stryker, and the Elder, Samuel Kuen.

At the annual meeting of the Education Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, held in the North Dutch Church, Albany, June 2, 1831, the following resolutions were passed :—

Resolved, That this Society request the General Synod to take the subject of education under its own care ; and hereafter appoint a Board annually, who shall have the whole subject under its charge.

Resolved That the same persons who were elected last year, constitute the Board of Education for the next year, unless General Synod should appoint another Board

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary communicate the above resolutions to General Synod.

A true extract from the minutes.

WILLIAM M'MURRAY, *Corresponding Secretary*.

The Committee to whom the above communication was referred, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the application contained in the resolutions of the Education Board, to be taken under the care of this Synod, respectfully beg leave to report—

That from all the information which they have been able to obtain in relation to this matter, they cannot find that there is now any visible organized society in existence, to which this Board is amenable. We find that the original subscription of membership has been lost, and very few of the first subscribers have ever recollected to pay into the hands of the Treasurer their yearly dues ; they are also informed that donations for the endowment of scholarships have been placed at the disposal of this Board, and that it is also understood that donations of a similar nature are still in prospect, which renders the subject one of much solicitude to this Synod, and to the Church in general. It is, therefore, the opinion of your Committee, that notwithstanding the proposed arrangement may add considerably to the business usually coming under the supervision of this Synod, yet, as the application comes from the Board itself, and as it is calculated to give more confidence in the education cause to the Church at large, and more security to the funds entrusted to its care, therefore, your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That the application of the Education Board be granted.

2. *Resolved*, That the officers of this Board be, and hereby are appointed, the Board of Education of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church for the present year.

And as the constitution and rules of this Board will need to be remodeled to suit the above arrangement, therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That the Rev. John Ludlow, D. D., Isaac Ferris, and John Beattie, and the Elders Peter D. Vroom, Jun., and Peter Sharpe, be a Committee from this Synod, who, in connexion with the officers of this Board, shall remodel the same, and report at the next session of General Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. CROOKSHANK, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIII.

Rutgers' College.

The following report of the Board of Superintendents of Rutgers' College was received, and referred to the Committee on the Professorate.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church.—

The Board of Superintendents of Rutgers' College are happy in being able, from the report made to them by the faculty and from their own observation, to inform the General Synod of the continued and increasing prosperity of the institution.

The whole number of students now in the College is *'seventy-two*, viz. : of the Senior Class, 18 ; of the Junior, 25 ; of the Sophomore, 19 ; and of the Freshman Class, 10.

Lewis C. Beck, M. D., (elected Professor of Natural History and Chemistry, October 29, 1830,) commenced his course of instruction for the present year, on the 1st of May last ; and the benefits of his professorship have been extended (without additional charge) to the Senior and Junior Classes, and to such theological students and resident graduates, as have seen fit to avail themselves of the privilege of attending them.

This professorship, securing to the college so valuable and popular an addition to the course of its instruction, has been sustained, during

the present year, by the private munificence of friends of the institution—particularly by the Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer of Albany, and of Abraham Van Nest, Esq. of New York.

The necessity of continuing these branches of education in the institution is indispensable ; *and the undersigned would most respectfully and earnestly press on Synod the importance of devising and carrying into effect, (in connexion with the Board of Trustees,) measures for the permanent endowment or support of the professorship.*

It has also become indispensable that a chemical apparatus should be provided. Professor Beck has, with a liberality for which we would express our gratitude, employed his own private apparatus in the service of the college during the current year.

A new system of rules for the more complete government of the college, adopted in a joint meeting of the Superintendents and Faculty, is now in successful operation.

The general health of those connected with the institution has been good ;—the deportment of the students regular and exemplary ; and at no period since the revival of the college, has its friends had greater reason to be encouraged than at present.

Let the Church patronize this institution as it deserves, and, it is believed, that it will realize all the best hopes which have been entertained respecting it.

The undersigned would not do justice, either to their own feelings, or to the Faculty, did they refrain from expressing their high sense of the fidelity, ability, and zeal with which every officer in the institution has continued to execute the duties of his department.

The report made by the Faculty to the Board of Superintendents, is herewith submitted for the inspection of Synod.

Very respectfully submitted,—

CHARLES SMITH,
C. L. HARDENBERGH,
JOHN KNOX,
J. J. JANEWAY,
ABRM. VAN NEST,
J. B. HARDENBERGH,

} Superintendents.

June 3, 1831.

Whereas the General Synod at its last session resolved that the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College, be requested to present annually, at the stated meetings of General Synod, a statement of the number of students aided from the education funds, and the amount of money from the said funds remaining unappropriated :

And whereas no such report has been presented to the present meeting, and as this Synod has the power of appointing the incumbents on those funds, it is important that they should have full information on the subject before them at all times, whenever called to act, it is therefore

Resolved, That General Synod renew their request, that the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Rutgers College present annually to the Synod, a statement of the number of students aided from the education funds in their hands ; the amount of money from the said funds remaining unappropriated, and the amount of appropriation allowed annually to each.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk furnish a certified copy of the above to the Trustees of Rutgers College.

ARTICLE XIV.

Professorate.

Resolved, That the Rev. I. C. Boice, M. W. Dwight, William M'Murray, D. D., and the Elder John V. B. Varick, be a Committee to report to Synod a nomination of twice the number of persons who are to fill the existing vacancies in the Board of Superintendents.

The Committee reported, when the following persons were chosen, viz. :—

Rev. Philip Duryea, for the Classis of Bergen, in the place of the Rev. J. V. C. Romeyn, resigned.

Rev. Jacob T. Field, for the Classis of Paramus, in the place of the Rev. C. Z. Paulison, who has joined the secession.

Rev. John E. Miller, for the South Classis of New York, in the place of the Rev. J. B. Hardenbergh, removed to the Classis of Poughkeepsie.

Rev. James Romeyn for the Classis of New Brunswick, in the place of the Rev. J. J. Janeway, D. D., removed to the Classis of New York.

The Committee on the Professorate reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on the Professorate submit for the consideration of Synod the following report :

The reports referred to your Committee from the Superintendents of the Literary and Theological College, at New Brunswick, represent, as heretofore, that this institution is in a prosperous state. As these reports will be published in the Minutes of General Synod, it is unnecessary here to enter into any details. Your Committee would only reiterate what has so often been pressed upon the consideration of the Church,—the importance which ought to be attached to it, and the necessity of harmonious and vigorous efforts to promote its prosperity and its usefulness.

In the literary department, Lewis C. Beck, M. D., has been elected Professor of Natural History and Chemistry. This Professorship has, during the present year, been sustained by the private munificence of friends to the institution, particularly of the Hon. S. Van Rensselaer, Abraham Van Nest, Esq., Rev. J. J. Janeway, D.D., and Mr. Cornelius Duboise. And the Superintendents of this department earnestly press upon the Synod the importance of devising and carrying into effect, in connexion with the Board of Trustees, measures for the permanent endowment and support of the Professorship. They further state that a chemical apparatus should be provided.

On this subject your Committee recommend the following resolutions :—

1. That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees, as to the best means by which the suggestion of the Superintendents should be carried into effect.

2. That the Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn, T. M. Strong, and the Elder J. Mildeberger be, and are hereby appointed said Committee, and that said Committee meet on the day before commencement.

In the report of the Board of Direction of the Corporation, it appears that they have not, for certain reasons stated in their report, complied with the resolution of the last General Synod, authorizing them to employ an agent or agents to sell the Memoir of Dr. Livingston in the various parts of our Church, and, to meet the present difficulties of the deceased author and whose widow also is now deceased, to advance \$600, to be replaced by the sale.

Your Committee recommend,

1. That the Board of Corporation be directed to comply with the aforesaid resolution of General Synod, on condition that all the copies of the said work, as well as the copyright, be transferred to them.

2. That the Board of Corporation take measures as soon as convenient, to dispose of the copyright of said Memoir to the best advantage.

The Board of Direction of the Corporation have requested that they be empowered to appoint an agent or agents to obtain the funds requisite for the permanent support of the Theological Professors, and the contingent expenses of the General Synod.

Your Committee recommend on this part of their report the following resolutions :—

1. That the Board of Direction of the Corporation be invested with such power for one year.

2. That they be directed to allow to the agent or agents so employed, for compensation of services, a certain per-centage on the amount collected.

3. That the general agent of the church have no further concern in raising moneys for the Theological College.

Your Committee, in relation to the settlement of the accounts of the Board of Corporation with J. R. Hardenbergh, would recommend, in accordance with the suggestion of the Board, the following resolution :—

Resolved, That the Board be, and is hereby authorized to pay to J. R. Hardenbergh, Esq., for principal and interest, \$587 40, the balance due him.

The committee appointed at the last Synod, consisting of Messrs. A. Van Vechten, John R. Bleecker, and R. V. Dewitt, to adjust the unsettled accounts of the Rev. S. Van Santvoord, the former collecting agent of General Synod, have attended to the same, and made a statement thereof; but as the Committee were not empowered to make a final settlement, they refer the whole for final adjustment to the Board of Corporation; and your Committee would recommend the following resolution :—

Resolved, That such adjustment be referred to the Board of Corporation, and that, as soon as possible, they make a final disposition of the same.

The recommendation of Mr. Youngblood by the Classis of Ulster, to be placed upon the Van Benschoten fund, submitted to your Committee, is not strictly in conformity with the order of General Synod, yet your Committee do recommend,

1. That Mr. Youngblood be, and the same is hereby recommended to the benefit of said fund.

2. *Resolved*, That in all further recommendations for the benefits of said fund, the Classis be required to examine the individual so recommended, and that they certify to his talents, attainments, and piety.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board of Education be authorized to transfer so many of the students on the funds of the Education Board to the benefit of the Van Benschoten fund, as in the opinion of the Trustees of Rutgers College the income of the fund will warrant.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LUDLOW, *Chairman*:

ARTICLE XV.

Students in Theology.

See Article VII. p. 363.

ARTICLE XVI.

Church Visitation.

The Committee on the 44th article of the constitution, relative to Church Visitation, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Church Visitation beg leave to submit for the consideration of Synod the following report :—

Your Committee are of opinion that the 44th article of the rules of church government cannot at present be literally enforced in this country, inasmuch as its literal practice would prove too burdensome, on the ground of the wide extent of the Churches in the bounds of the several Classes.

Your Committee would therefore, in addition to the inquiries directed (*in your explanatory article 44th,*) to be made by Classes

from each Minister and Elder, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz. :—

1. *Resolved*, that it be recommended to each Classis, to appoint a Committee or Committees to visit every congregation within their bounds ; and to spend a day or more in the exercises of devotion.

2. *Resolved*, That a Pastoral Letter to all our Churches be written during the session of this Synod, and be circulated with the Minutes of Synod, and read in our Churches.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. ELTINGE, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVII.

Prevailing Sins.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Missions.

The report of the proceedings of the Board of Missions within the bounds of the Particular Synod of Albany, for the last year, was received, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. John F. Schermerhorn, the general agent of the Synod, presented a report of his proceedings for the past year, which was accepted, and referred to a special committee, consisting of the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D. D., George W. Bethune, and Peter Labagh, and the Elders, Abraham Van Vechten and John V. B. Varick.

The Committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the general agent &c., respectfully report :

That they have examined the same ; from which they have collected the following interesting and important facts :—

*Subscriptions to the Missionary and Education Societies, and
Theological Seminary.*

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF NEW YORK.

	<i>Miss.</i>	<i>Educ.</i>	<i>Theo.</i>	
Classis of New York,	\$281 24	\$213 35	\$143 50	\$ 630 59
South Classis of N. Y.,	589 87	430 75	369 50	1310 12
Classis of L. Island,	377 22	143 93	179 00	700 15
„ Bergen,	188 25	106 75	10 25	305 25
„ Paramus,	291 00	53 00		344 00
„ Poughkeepsie,	300 00	200 00	190 00	690 00
„ N. Brunswick,	511 54	252 90	205 67	970 11
„ Philadelphia,	523 37	350 68	78 87	952 92
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	\$2982 49	\$1751 46	\$1176 79	\$5911 89

PARTICULAR SYNOD OF ALBANY.

	<i>Miss.</i>	<i>Educ.</i>	<i>Theo.</i>	
Classis of Ulster,	\$500 00	\$300 00	\$100 00	\$ 900 00
„ Albany,	554 55	338 50	275 87	1167 92
„ Rensselaer,	448 50	141 61	23 64	613 75
„ Washington,				
„ Schenectady,	21 00			21 00
„ Schoharie,	150 00	100 00		250 00
„ Montgomery,	200 00	50 00		250 00
„ Cayuga,	460 00	100 00	65 00	625 00
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Total,	\$5316 49	\$2781 58	\$1641 30	\$9740 57

It appears from the report of the general agent, that he has visited 127 Churches, independent of missionary stations,—exploring new stations for missionary operations, and organizing churches.

The missionary stations, as reported by him, are 55, of which 34 are supplied, viz. :—

In the South Classis of New York,	5,	supplied	2
In the Classis of Bergen,	2,	„	2
„ Poughkeepsie,	2,	„	2
„ New Brunswick,	2,	„	
„ Philadelphia,	2,	„	2
„ Albany,	3,	„	
„ Ulster,	5,	„	3
„ Rensselaer,	3,	„	3
„ Washington,	7,	„	4
„ Schenectady,	1,	„	
„ Schoharie,	2,	„	2
„ Montgomery,	14,	„	9
„ Cayuga,	7,	„	5
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	55		34
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Thirty-four stations supplied, and twenty-one vacant.

From all this it appears that his labours have been arduous and abundant—that he has prosecuted them with a commendable zeal—that the results have been happy and encouraging—that the plan of his operations is admirably calculated to call forth the resources of the Church, bring them efficiently to bear upon her strength and growth, and if diligently and wisely prosecuted, would soon disembarass all our operations. If these views are well founded, they open before our Church a flattering prospect, which the Divine blessing would enable us soon to realize ;—and if the success for which we have good reason to hope should be granted to us, it would consolidate her energies, and bind all her members more strongly to her interests, which are believed to be the interests of truth and godliness.

Your Committee are, however, decidedly of opinion, that in order to the success of this plan of operation, two things are essentially necessary, viz. :—1. The continuance of the labours of a competent agent for the present. 2. The cordial co-operation of all our ministers and consistories.

The employment of an agent is still necessary for the purpose of completing the organization of the Churches, giving a new impulse to exertion, and helping forward the missionary operations,—all of them of the highest importance to the prosperity of our Church, and in no

small degree dependent upon the exertions of a faithful agent. The expense of such an agency, within reasonable bounds, if these views are correct, cannot be an objection.

But the co-operation of all the ministers and consistories is absolutely necessary to complete success. Nor can your Committee for one moment believe, that ministers who are supported by the Church, and with their consistories bound by holy engagement to support its interests, will, or *can* hesitate to perform a duty, made incumbent, as well by the importance of the subject as by the acts of her highest judicatory.

Your Committee also find that the salary of the agent has not been paid, and would especially direct the attention of General Synod to that subject. They respectfully submit their views, and have directed their chairman to bring in resolutions conformable to them.

Resolved, That Synod is fully satisfied with the labours and exertions of the general agent, and thankful to the great Head of the Church for the success which he has granted.

Resolved, That the continued labours of our agent are still necessary to promote the interests and institutions of our Church.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. F. Schermerhorn be, and hereby is appointed such agent, and that he be allowed the same salary as for the past year.

Resolved, That immediate means be used to pay the salary of the agent, and make provision for his future support.

Resolved, That the cordial and zealous co-operation of all the ministers, consistories, and members of the Churches under the jurisdiction of this body, be earnestly and affectionately requested, in order to carry into effect the plan of benevolent operations already so happily commenced by the general agent.

All which is respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS C. CUYLER, *Chairman*.

The Ninth Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church was presented to Synod, accepted, and referred to the Committee on Missions.

Resolved, That the rule of the Synod, requiring the missionary sermon to be preached on the evening of the first Sabbath after the

session be suspended, and that the same be preached on the evening of the sixth day of the session.

A memorial was presented from the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, on the subject of the resolutions adopted by the last General Synod, relative to the mode of conducting the missionary operations of the Church, which was referred to the Committee on Missions.

The Rev. Thomas De Witt, D. D., Cornelius D. Westbrook, D. D., and Eli Baldwin, were accredited as Commissioners from the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, relative to the matters contained in the above memorial, and it was *Resolved*, That they be heard before the Synod when the report of the Committee on Missions shall be under consideration.

The Rev. Eli Baldwin preached the annual missionary sermon before Synod, (from Isaiah xxviii. 16,) in the South Dutch Church, on the evening of the sixth day of the session.

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions be directed to nominate a double number of persons, from whom the individual to preach the annual missionary sermon shall be chosen.

The Committee on Missions brought in their report, when the Rev. Eli Baldwin, the Commissioner from the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church was heard, and the report having been discussed at full length, was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee on Missions beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had under consideration the report of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, constituting the Committee of Missions of the General Synod in the Particular Synod of New York. And also the report of the Second Board of Missions, constituted at the last meeting of the General Synod.

They are gratified to learn from these reports, that the missionary operations of the Church are moving onward with a progress in some measure correspondent with the spirit of Christian benevolence, which so remarkably characterizes the age in which we live.

It appears that the whole receipts into the treasury for the past year for missionary services, amount to \$5783 63, (including the

balance in the treasury of the Missionary Society at the last report,) and that after deducting all expenditures, there remains at this time a balance of \$402 40½.

In the southern section of the Church, fifteen feeble churches have been aided by appropriations, and six missionaries have been employed in destitute places.

In the northern section of the Church, twenty-six missionary stations and feeble churches have received assistance. "New stations have been occupied, new churches have been organized, and those already organized have been encouraged and strengthened." At Ithaca a new church is now erecting, and the congregation, under the pastoral care of the Rev. A. M. Mann, is rapidly increasing. The church at Utica, under the care of the Rev. G. W. Bethune, was completed in June last; and since that time the congregation has been steadily and rapidly increasing, having commenced with a mere handful, and now containing 70 families and 400 souls. This church, which was organized only last fall, has been blessed with the influences of the Spirit, and already numbers 105 members. The congregation at Canajoharie have, within the past year, given a call to the Rev. R. Wells, which has been accepted. And it has pleased the great Head of the Church to bless his ministry with success.

The Valley of the Mohawk presents an interesting field for missionary operations; and in the more western parts of the state of New York there are important stations to be occupied. To these places it is hoped, the attention of those who shall in future manage the missionary concerns of the Church may be speedily directed. In these sections the bounds of our Church may be enlarged, and the sphere of her usefulness greatly extended.

In the reports of the two Missionary Boards, your Committee find much cause for gratitude to God for the favor he has shown to them through the past year; and they trust that He who has thus far prospered the efforts of our Church, may continue to us the smiles of his approbation, and stimulate us to more zealous, united, and untiring efforts for the advancement of the Saviour's kingdom.

Your Committee are gratified to learn that there is a desire in some of the churches, that a foreign mission should be established under the auspices and direction of our own denomination. It is undoubtedly and lamentably true, that in many of our congregations no contributions

are made for the support of foreign missions. This arises not so much from want of ability or inclination, as the want of a definite object to which our benevolence may be profitably directed. The establishment of a mission of our own would probably obviate some of the objections that are now made to contributing aid to foreign missions. It would be under our own direction—we would have confidence in our own agents, and be satisfied that our charities were faithfully dispensed. We believe that the desire for the establishment of a foreign mission is a growing desire in the churches; and trust that the time is not far distant when it may be undertaken with good prospects of success. But the Committee are of opinion that the time has not yet arrived. It cannot be concealed, that in regard to the subject of our domestic missions, there are some difficulties now existing in the Church, which should, if practicable, be obviated and removed before any new operations are undertaken.

To some of these difficulties it is the painful duty of the Committee to advert.

It is well known that for several years past, the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, have been constituted annually the Board of Missions of the General Synod. This was first done in 1822, and at the same time the Society agreed to furnish the General Synod, at every annual meeting, with an abstract of its proceedings. In this way a connexion was formed between the two bodies, which subsisted without interruption until the last meeting of the General Synod at New Brunswick. At that meeting the General Synod, after continuing as their Committee of Missions the Board of Managers that had just been appointed by the Society, *Resolved*, That at the then next ordinary session of Synod, the number of the Committee of Missions should be reduced to fifteen, and that they should thereafter be elected annually by the General Synod. And they further *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Missionary Society, to alter its present constitution in conformity to the above-stated resolution. In taking these measures, it appears to have been the intention of the Synod to bring the missionary operations of the Church more immediately under their own control. In pursuance of these intentions, the Synod appointed a second Board of Missions in the bounds of the particular Synod of Albany, (except the Classis of Ulster,) and that Board has been in operation for the past year.

It appears by the memorial of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, which has been referred to your Committee, that the Society have declined acceding to the recommendation of the General Synod—that they have not altered their constitution—and that they have, in the month of May last, proceeded to elect their own managers as heretofore. In this memorial the Society set forth at large, the reasons why they have declined a compliance with the wishes of the Synod ; and they pray that Synod would leave them on the ground they occupied previous to the meeting of 1830.

Your Committee have considered very carefully the memorial of the Missionary Society. They feel the force of some of its arguments, and acknowledge with gratitude the services rendered by those from whom it emanates. But they are constrained to say, that they believe the time has come, when the Church, as an organized body, should take her missionary operations under her own control. Such a course is right in principle. The General Synod is the highest judicatory of the Church, and when the Church acts as one body, as she is supposed to do, in ordering her missionary operations, she should be under the direction and control of the Synod. We believe that in this way her efforts would be more vigorous, better directed, and more extensive. Missionaries would go forth under the sanction of the Church only—confidence would be established—unity of design and action attained—and soundness in faith and doctrine preserved.

It will be necessary for the Synod to appoint a Board or Boards of Missions. The Committee would respectfully recommend, that one Board only be appointed, that it consist of thirty-four members, to be appointed by the Synod, and located in the city of New York, that the Board shall appoint its own officers, and shall have power to conduct all the missionary operations of the Church, rendering to the Synod, at every annual meeting, a detailed statement of its proceedings.

Such a system your Committee think would be generally accepted, and in connexion with the plan of benevolent associations in the churches to aid the funds of the Board, would be less objectionable, and at the same time more effective, than that on which the Synod has acted for the past year. And it is not conceived that such a system can stand in the way of any voluntary association whose object is to aid in the missionary cause ;—such aid can still be given, and will be given by those who have confidence in the wisdom and prudence of

the Synod, and believe that she will preserve inviolate the faith and standards of the Church, and press onward under her own banner, in the great work of evangelizing the world.

Should this plan meet the approbation of the Synod, it is confidently hoped that all our churches may give to it their warm support. Unity of feeling and action are necessary to the accomplishment of any enterprise in which many persons are engaged together,—and it is so more especially in the operations of the Church. If our charities are to be withheld—if our ardour is suffered to abate, and our zeal to expire, because our own particular views as to the mode of operation may not accord with those of a majority of the Church, it is evident that the work will always languish and be unfruitful. Let us come up to the work as Christians of one family,—having “one Lord, one faith, one baptism;” and with a single eye to the glory of God, move on with an unbroken front against the great enemy of souls; that so, with the blessing of the God of peace, we may be instrumental in building up the Redeemer’s kingdom on the earth.

With this brief view of the whole subject, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That the reports of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, and of the Board of Missions for the Particular Synod of Albany, be published and circulated through the churches.

2. *Resolved*, That the resolutions of the last General Synod on pp. 297–8 numbers II and III., relative to the Missionary Society of the Reformed Dutch Church, be, and the same are hereby rescinded.

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod do, at its present Session, appoint a Board of Missions, to be known by the name of the Board of Missions of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, to which shall be confided all the missionary concerns of the Church. That the said Board shall consist of thirty-four members, of whom one-half at least, and not more than two-thirds, shall reside in the city of New York, and the residue shall be appointed from the other parts of the Church. That one-third of the members shall be elected by the Synod annually, so that the whole body shall be renewed once in three years. That the said Board shall have power to elect their own officers annually, and to take all proper and necessary measures to further the cause of missions, subject at all times to the direction and

control of the Synod, to whom they shall make an annual and detailed statement of all their proceedings.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions now constituted by the General Synod, have power and are hereby authorized to receive from the present Missionary Boards, a transfer of their missionary stations and funds ; and that all payments and contributions from the churches be hereafter made to the Treasurer of the Synod's Board of Missions, *provided* that it shall be optional with the Managers of the Missionary Society whether or not to pay over the funds now in their hands to the Synod's Board of Missions.

5. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Board of Missions, that in their appointments of missionaries (not connected with the Reformed Dutch Church,) to labour in vacant churches, they confer with the Standing Committee to prevent the introduction of unsound doctrine, in the particular Classes to which said missionaries shall be sent.

By order of the Committee,

PETER D. VROOM, JUN.

The Rev. John Beattie, George W. Bethune, and Abraham H. Dumont, and the Elders John V. B. Varick, and Michael Schoonmaker, were appointed a Committee to nominate double the number of persons, from whom to choose the Board of Missions referred to in the above report. The Committee reported, when the following persons were elected, viz. :—

Rev. Thomas De Witt, D.D., John Knox, D.D., William M'Murray, D.D., Jacob Brodhead, D.D., George Dubois, Peter P. Rouse, Cornelius C. Cuyler, D.D., John Ludlow, D.D., Isaac Ferris, Gilbert R. Livingston, D.D., John F. Schermerhorn, John Gosman, Benjamin C. Taylor, and Messrs. Peter D. Vroom, Jun., Abraham Van Nest, William Mandeville, John I. Labagh, Cornelius Heyer, William R. Thompson, Leonard W. Kip, Joseph W. Duryea, Isaac Young, William B. Crosby, John Redfield, Thomas L. Chester, James C. Roosevelt, John Steward, Jun., Walter Bicker, D. Fanshaw, Stephen Van Rensselaer, George W. Mentz, John R. Bleecker, Richard V. De Witt, and Abraham Varick.

Resolved, That the Board of Missions convene on the first Wednesday of July, 1831, at the Consistory Chamber, Nassau-street, in the city of New York, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That at the first meeting of the Board they shall proceed to determine the respective terms of service of the members, for one, two, or three years.

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to fill up all vacancies that may occur, either by declining to accept, resignation, or death.

Resolved, That the number of nine, lawfully convened, shall be a quorum, for the transaction of business.

The committee on the case of Mr. James E. Quaw reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Rev. James E. Quaw, late missionary of the Reformed Dutch Church, respectfully beg leave to report :—

Your Committee, from a careful examination of the documents submitted by the memorialist, find that he claims compensation for missionary services rendered at Lysander, for missionary services rendered at Tyaschoke, and for services rendered to sundry churches within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery and the Classis of Washington.

From an examination of the book of minutes of the northern agency of the Missionary Board of our Church, it appears that the memorialist was appointed to labor within the bounds of the congregation of Lysander for one year, from the 8th December, 1829. It also appears, from a conference with the elder from that church, on the floor of this Synod, that missionary services, under the above appointment, for the period of four months, have been ably and faithfully rendered.

It is further evident from the memorial, and also from documents signed by two elders of the church of Tyaschoke, that the memorialist labored in the midst of them as a missionary, under the appointments of the Missionary Board, from August 1828, to the last of Dec. 1829, with ability and acceptance to the congregation. During this period his appointments were renewed at short intervals, from time to time.

From an examination of the papers submitted, it appears to your Committee, that owing to the delay of the Missionary Board to answer the communications of the memorialist, two months of the above-mentioned period he was not under commission. And as the circum-

stances which placed him thus were beyond his control, and as service for that time was faithfully rendered, it seems but just to your Committee that the usual compensation should be made to him. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Rev James E. Quaw be referred to the treasurer of the Missionary Society, to obtain the usual compensation for six months of missionary service.

With regard to the claim of the memorialist for services rendered in sundry churches within the bounds of the Classis of Montgomery and the Classis of Washington, it is the opinion of the Committee, that the memorialist, seeing he was not under commission at the time, should be referred to the consistories of those churches for the compensation required.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM CROOKSHANK, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Missions having reported double the number of persons from whom to elect an individual to preach the Annual Missionary sermon, the Synod proceeded to the election, when the Rev. Isaac Ferris was chosen the *primarius*, and the Rev. Isaac N. Wyckoff *secundus*.

Resolved, That Rev. Thomas M. Strong, John Ludlow, and B. C. Taylor, and the Elders A. Van Vechten, and Peter D. Vroom, Jun. be a committee to devise measures for the payment of the salary of the general agent, and for his future support.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The Committee appointed to devise ways and means for the payment of the deficiencies in the last year's salary of the general agent, and also for his support for the current year, report the following resolutions for the adoption of Synod :—

1. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions of the Synod, use their best exertions to raise the salary for the coming year by private subscription.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Missions be directed to pay three-fourths of the balance of the agent's salary for the last year, and the Education Board one-fourth of the same.

By order of the committee.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIX.

Widows' Fund.

Nothing occurred.

ARTICLE XX.

Particularia.

The communication containing the bequest of the Rev. Elias Van Benschoten was read.

The stated clerk laid before Synod a manuscript index of all the printed minutes of the General Synod—whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Strong be authorized to print said index in a pamphlet form, as an appendix to the Minutes, and that the thanks of the General Synod be presented to him for his services in preparing the same.

The following report was received from the stated clerk, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

The undersigned, appointed by the General Synod, in June 1829, to take measures for the collection of the arrearages due from the several Classes for copies of the printed Minutes furnished to them, would respectfully report :—

That as early as possible he communicated with the respective Classes on the subject—from some of whom replies have been received, and payments been made. As however it is not specified in the payments from the several Classes whether the money was intended to liquidate arrears, or to defray the expenses of the current year, the clerk has thought fit to submit to Synod a report of the amount of dues from the Classes which have accrued for Minutes received since June 1829, together with the arrears then claimed by the Synod, with the

payments from the same, and the whole amount now due from each of the Classes.

Certain mistakes appear to have been made in relation to the accounts with the Classis of Paramus. From a report of a committee of that Classis on the subject, it would appear that they consider themselves only in arrears for the Minutes of the Synod for 1822; but as their questor for that year has joined the secession, and is beyond the control of the Classis, and has taken with him the funds of the Classis in his hands, they would submit to the Synod whether the Synod will require them to demand again the said amount from the churches. Presuming that under these circumstances the Synod will relinquish their claim, and as the Classis possess vouchers for the payment of the amounts due for the other years, the amount of arrears stated as due from them in 1829 is not specified in the annexed schedule.

The following is the account above referred to with the respective Classes :—

<i>Classes.</i>	<i>Arrears in June 1829.</i>	<i>Accrued in 1829-30.</i>	<i>Paid since June 1829.</i>	<i>Balance Due.</i>
New York, . .	\$38 50	\$37 50	\$38 25	\$37 50
Poughkeepsie, . .	61 25	21 50	00 00	82 75
New Brunswick, . .	20 63	30 25	36 25	14 63
Long Island, . .	6 00	17 00		23 00
Philadelphia, . .	1 25	24 00	16 00	9 25
Paramus, . .		24 00	20 00	4 00
Bergen, . .	43 50	20 00	22 00	41 50
Albany, . .	89 50	15 00	12 00	92 50
Rensselaer, . .	33 00	18 50	44 00	7 50
Washington, . .	23 75	7 50	15 00	16 25
Schenectady, . .	5 00	10 00	5 00	10 00
Ulster, . .	55 00	15 00	25 00	45 00
Schoharie, . .	9 00	9 00		18 00
Montgomery, . .	50 00	6 00	6 00	50 00
Cayuga, . .	10 00	10 00	5 00	15 00
South Classis of New York, . .	6 25	17 50	9 00	14 75

Whole amount due, \$480 38

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

The following preamble and resolutions were submitted and adopted:

Whereas, the Synod at its session in 1830, decided to sustain the appeal of the Classis of Long Island taken from the decision of the Particular Synod of New York, transferring the congregation of Bushwick to the South Classis of New York, and,

Whereas, the Particular Synod of New York has directed a second transfer of the above-mentioned church to be made, previous to the report of the committee which General Synod had appointed to adjust the difficulties existing between the consistory and Classis, and,

Whereas, it has been stated to this Synod, by the delegates from the Classis of Long Island, that the Classis did not appeal from the last-mentioned decision, because it was conceived that the whole matter was still open for the final adjustment of General Synod, when the report of their committee in the case had been received. Therefore,

Resolved, That the late decision of the Particular Synod of New York in this case be for the present overruled, and that the consistory of the Church of Bushwick, if they have any new ground for an application of transfer, be directed to pursue the ordinary constitutional forms anew to obtain it.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the above preamble and resolutions be furnished by the stated clerk to the consistory of the Church of Bushwick.

Resolved, That the stated clerk be directed to issue from the press, as soon as possible, the report of the Committee on the State of Religion, and the Pastoral Letter to the churches, certified by the president and stated clerk of General Synod.

Resolved, That General Synod gratefully receive the offer of Col. Henry A. Livingston, to put the lectures of his late venerable father at the disposition of this body, and that the Rev. C. C. Cuyler, D.D., M. W. Dwight, and the Elder John V. B. Varick, be authorized to receive the same, and report to the next General Synod what disposition of them shall be made.

The Synod took up the report of the committee on the papers of Mr. William Schuneman, the consideration of which had been postponed to this General Synod, when it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the report of the committee be indefinitely postponed, and that the papers connected therewith be deposited in the archives of Synod.

ARTICLE XXI.

Benevolent and Religious Institutions.

One hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of the New York State Colonization Society, were received and distributed among the members.

One hundred copies of the 21st Annual Report of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, were received and distributed among the several Classes.

ARTICLE XXII.

Pastoral Letter.

The Rev. Maurice W. Dwight,* John F. Schermerhorn, and Peter Labagh, and the Elders Peter D. Vroom, jun. and Abraham Van Nest, were appointed a committee to draft a Pastoral Letter to the churches.

The committee reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows :—

The General Synod to the Churches under their care, send greeting—

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, be multiplied.

DEAR BRETHREN,

The ministers and elders assembled in General Synod, to confer with each other upon the varied concerns of our Reformed Zion, have deemed it their duty to address to you a pastoral letter.

The reasons which have induced it must be sought in the solicitude which they feel for your spiritual welfare, and the peculiar aspect of the times.

* The Rev. M. W. Dwight having obtained leave of absence on the 7th day of the session, the Rev. John Ludlow, D.D., was substituted in his place, as chairman of the committee.

It must be admitted that we are living in an age of peculiar interest—there is a movement in Divine Providence which seems to indicate that the whole world is approaching the eve of some eventful crisis—whether it be for good or for evil we cannot determine.

It is certain, however, that in the midst of this general agitation and excitement, the Church of God will be more or less affected,—hence it becomes us all to watch with increasing diligence lest the great landmarks of our faith be removed, and the power of practical and vital godliness be impaired.

In the great articles of faith, as set forth in the standards of the Church, let nothing shake your confidence—they have been assailed, they are assailed now, and they will be assailed to the end of time.—But this only demonstrates more plainly that they are the truth of God, and opposed to the corrupt nature of man. If they were of the world the world would love them, but because they are not of the world therefore they are hated, and under the guise of truth they are sought to be evaded. Hence so many, who, while they pretend to walk in the good old way, are earnestly exerting an unhallowed influence to undermine and to destroy them. But ye, beloved, be not easily moved with every wind of doctrine and cunning craftiness of man, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. Hold fast things that are good, approve that which is excellent, try the spirits whether they be of God, or whether they be of man.

In matters which appertain to the promotion of vital godliness be forward, be zealous. Yield to none in untiring devotion for the glory of God and the salvation of immortal souls. Essentially connected with vital godliness is the effusion of the Spirit of all grace. Who can doubt that He is the author of every good word and work? Who can doubt the promise of His descent upon the Church and upon the world? Who can doubt that this promise has been fulfilled, is now fulfilling, and will be fulfilled to the end of time?—not one. We cannot therefore, dear brethren, express in terms too strong our convictions of the necessity or reality of the outpouring of the spirit in revivals of religion. Let not the abuse which may be made, and which we believe is sometimes made, of the application of the term, impair your confidence in the thing. But while we exhort you not to doubt their reality and necessity, while we would unite with you in prayer to God, that revivals may be multiplied throughout our whole Church, and throughout

the whole of Christendom, the aspect of the times admonishes us, and admonishes you, to be watchful.

The blessed work of God in building up his Church and converting souls, is exposed to perversion by the infirmities or the wickedness of man and the malignity of Satan. Even an honest zeal may be misdirected in efforts to promote the sanctifying and saving operations of Divine Grace. Human expedients may be ingrafted upon the appropriate means of God's own appointment. The machinery of men may be more highly valued than the simple truth of the Gospel, fervent prayer, pastoral visitation, and direct personal appeals to the hearts and consciences of sinners. Extravagances may obtain, a spirit may be fostered, and practices may be indulged, which have no other tendency than to break down the purity of Gospel order, and in the end be the occasion of reproach to the work of God's own Spirit. What may be has been, is now.

We witness with pain in some parts of the Christian church, the introduction of females to lead the devotions of a *promiscuous* assembly, a practice which we believe not only contrary to the word of God, but ruinous to the benign and permanent influence of pious females in the church of Christ. We have seen, and do see the established order of the ministry invaded by a fearful multiplication of lay exhorters, who presume to exercise a prerogative which does not belong to them.—We know that a censorious spirit, in too many instances, is indulged against those who do not, and cannot accord with every measure which some have thought proper to introduce (with an honest intention no doubt,) of advancing the interests of piety. Such, unhappily, are reproached as the enemies of revivals, as destitute of all zeal, and even wanting in the experience of true religion.

These are prominent evils which we cannot but deplore ; evils, which if they once obtain in any portion of the Church, and if not corrected, will exert a blighting, withering influence over God's moral vineyard, the traces of which may be seen for ages to come.

We have spoken to you frankly, and we desire to speak affectionately and in the spirit of love. Let none mistake, either within or without the Church, the design of this testimony against prevailing errors, either of faith, of practice, or of gospel order. The present is a time which seems especially to demand it. And believing as we do that the Church of God is not only in a militant state, but that she is

still in the wilderness ; believing as we do that her enemies will become more insidious as she approaches to her millennial state, we would exhort you, dear brethren, with the meekness and gentleness of Christ, to increased vigilance. We would have you, after the manner of the apostle, approve things that are excellent, that are lovely, and of good report.

Suffer us to unite with our cautions, our affectionate exhortations to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace—to employ with increased diligence and zeal the means which God has appointed for your own furtherance in grace and the spiritual growth of Zion. Believing that the blessing is from the Lord, let there be cherished among us more of the spirit of humble, believing, importunate prayer. If circumstances in the providence of God seem to demand it, let there be the extraordinary use of the ordinary means of grace. You will rejoice with us in the perusal of what the Lord has done for us during the past year. But his arm is not shortened that it cannot still save, nor his ear heavy that he cannot still hear. The windows of heaven can open, and they will open to the voice of prayer, and the blessing may descend, and will descend upon God's own heritage.

And now, dear brethren, the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LUDLOW, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That when the above letter shall be published, the several ministers of the church be, and are hereby directed to read the same, together with the report of the Committee on the State of Religion, from their pulpits.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Synodical Archives.

(See Article 20.)

ARTICLE XXIV.

Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:—

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to present the following report—

That the accounts of the Board of Corporation were not accompanied with any vouchers committed to them, neither does it appear that the accounts have been audited; or that any committee has ever been appointed for the purpose of auditing their accounts, that therefore, your committee although they presume that all of them are correct, have it not in their power to ascertain and certify the fact that they are so. Whereupon they recommend the adoption of the following resolution—

Resolved, That an auditing committee shall be appointed to audit said accounts annually before they are presented to Synod; and that Messrs. Peter Sharpe, James C. Roosevelt, and John D. Keese, be this committee.

That it appears from the accounts of the Board of Corporation, that there is in the hands of the Trustees of Rutgers College, for educating young men for the ministry—

1. On the Van Benschoten fund, . . .	\$18,664 10
and interest due May 1st, 1831, . . .	\$1,222

That there has been paid from this fund	
the last year, . . .	630
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	\$592

2. On the Rebecca Knox legacy, . . .	2,000 00
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Balance of interest in Treasurer's hands,	
and due January, 1831, . . .	\$157

And that there is paid out to indigent Students from this fund, . . .	120
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	\$37

That for the last year there is a balance of interest unappropriated for the education of indigent students, of \$629.

Your committee cannot learn that General Synod have ever had, or have ever asked from the Trustees of Rutgers College a particular statement of the several sums received from time to time, on the Van Benschoten Fund, and what has been the annual income and expenditure of this fund for indigent students. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution—

Resolved, That the Trustees of Rutgers College be requested to lay before General Synod, at their next annual meeting, a particular statement of the moneys received and invested on the Van Benschoten Fund, from time to time ; also the amount of the legacy of Rebecca Knox, and the amount of interest received from year to year on each fund, until the making out of said report. And also that they inform General Synod what students have been aided, and the amount appropriated and paid to each individual from year to year, from each of those funds distinctly ; and further, that they inform General Synod what ministers, who have been aided from these funds, have refunded the whole or any part of what they have received ; and in what manner the moneys so received have been disposed of.

Your Committee also find that the Board of Corporation pay annually \$100, for a clerk to said board ; the labors of which cannot be any way equal to the gratuitous services of the Secretary of the Missionary or Education Boards. Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Board of Corporation endeavour to avail themselves of the gratuitous services of the Treasurer, or one of the members of their board, who shall also act as their Secretary.

That on that part of the accounts, presented by the stated clerk, as to what is due from the several classes for the minutes of General Synod :

That the delegate of the classis of New Brunswick states, that they have paid for all the minutes they have received, and that they have been charged for one year's Minutes, \$14 60, which never came to hand.

Resolved, That the account be discharged.

That the delegate from the classis of Montgomery, states that the sum of \$50 charged to them, is for minutes received previous to the division of that classis into those of Cayuga and Schoharie, and that the same cannot now be collected from their churches.

Resolved, That this account be discharged.

It appears from the statement of the delegate of the classis of Paramus, that there is an error in the account charged to them, and that they have paid up the same in full.

Resolved, That the arrears charged against them, be discharged.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. SCHERMERHORN, *Chairman*.

The Door-keeper's bill, amounting to \$13 50, was presented and ordered to be paid.

ARTICLE XXV.

Resumption and Close.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk publish 1000 copies of the Minutes of this Synod, duly authenticated ; and that he distribute among the Classes the number of copies directed by them.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Agreeably to the standing rule of Synod, the roll was called at the close of the session, when it appeared that the following members were absent without permission, viz : Rev. James B. Hardenbergh, Samuel Kissam, Douw Van Olinda, Ransford Wells, and Paul Weidman, and the Elders, John Druye, Henry Loucks, John Mildeberger, Peter Sharpe, Abraham Van Nest, Cornelius Van Olinda and Garrit P. Wyckoff.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Adjournment.

Synod adjourned to meet in the city of New York, on the first Wednesday in June, 1832, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOHN GOSMAN, *President.*

PHILIP DURYEE, *Adressor,*

A. HENRY DUMONT, } *Clerks.*
BENJAMIN C. TAYLOR, }

Official copy, from the original Minutes.

THOMAS M. STRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

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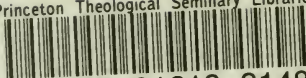
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